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End mixed-ability classes, says Blair

Schools told to break with the past

TONY BLAIR today launches his Government's flagship education White Paper with a call for every school to make a determined break from the monolithic comprehensives that symbolised Labour's past.

The Prime Minister, writing in The Times, says he wants every school to build a distinctive character and he calls for teachers to shun mixed-ability classes in favour of groups allowing children to develop as fast as they can".

He promises a new "fasttrack" to identify the inspirational headteachers of the future. Government sources said this would be based on the proposed national headteacher qualification.

Local education authorities will gain more funding and powers in the package, but will be subject to inspection, with the worst performers being taken over by government hit-squads.

Mr Blair says: "There are many good schools in Britain, but not enough; many good teachers, but not enough; many well educated children,

Teachers yesterday said they feared the balance of the Government's "pressure and support" policy was out of kilter after the disclosure that new money for buildings and equipment would be linked to

academic achievement. The plan was immediately dubbed a "eash-for-results" scheme, but government sources said schools bidding for a share of the El.3 billion be judged on how they intended to use the money to raise standards. Money would not be recovered if targets were

Mr Blair reaffirms his back-ing for Ofsted, the school inspectorate, in spite of calls from the National Union of Teachers for local authorities to have their inspection powers returned.

From next January, all education authorities will, like schools, be inspected. "Where failure is deep seated, the relevant powers of the local authority will be suspended and improvement teams sent

There are many good schools in Britain, but not enough; many good teachers, but not enough; many well-educated children, but not enough. Tony Blair, page 20

in," Mr Blair says. All local education authorities will be asked to produce an education development plan, detailing their contribution to raising standards. This must be agreed with the Government. Mr Blair says his "zero tolerance" of failure means that 25 "Education Action Zones" will be set up, with parents and business leaders helping to revitalise run-down

groups of schools. Raising standards will be at the heart of the White Paper. which is likely to avoid detailed proposals on changing the structure of schools, in particular how the fate of the

remaining 161 grammar schools will be decided in local votes. This and other controversial measures, including plans to speed up the dismiss al of incompetent teachers, will be subject to three months' consultation.

Government sources said the exact make-up of a General Teaching Council, a new body to register and regulate teachers, would also be subject to further discussion. Indications yesterday were that teachers' unions would not automatically be appointed to the council.

The White Paper will include target-setting for every school, a new compulsory qualification for headteachers and compulsory home-school contracts.

In a controversy that threat-ened to overshadow the launch of the White Paper. details emerged of the Government's plans to distribute the additional £1.3 billion for capital funding based on school's development plans. These will have to include a timetable for improving results in examina-Chancellor, said the new money would be "something for something, not something

for nothing". He added: "Every school that applies for money for capital upgrading will have to submit development plans which will be conditional on showing not just how the money is going to be spent but how schools are meeting targets for discipline, results and



THE Prince of Wales pretending to hit his younger son, Prince Harry, on the bead yesterday after scoring e goal in a polo match at Cirencester Park Polo Club.

Prince Harry, accompanied by Tiggy Legge-Bourke, had watched his father play. The future of Prince Charles's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles was

Prince scores a hit with son

the subject of two television programmes broadcast last

George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, said on BBC2's The Heart of the that the couple

should be allowed a morganatic marriage and urged the church to make up its mind on the issue.

In Camilla, a 50-minute documentary on Channel 5, a friend of Mrs Parker Bowles's said she was innocent of causing the Prince's marriage to collapse.

Marriage speculation, page 3

Havoc after Orange march goes ahead

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND AUDREY MAGEE

REPUBLICAN violence erupted across Northern Ireland last night after the RUC forced the most contentious Orange parade of the marching season down a Catholic road in Portadown, Co Armagh.

In a series of carefully orchestrated operations, ter-rorists attacked the security forces and wreaked havoc in nationalist areas to register their anger at the decision to allow the march to proceed for

a second year in succession. Within hours of the parade, a policewoman was shot and injured in a gun attack on an RUC patrol at Coalisland, Co Tyrone. In Lurgan, Co Armagh, eight masked men took over a train at gunpoint. The terrorists forced terrified passengers off the train before setting fire to the carriages, causing damage estimated at

As nationalists went on the rampage in towns throughout the province, a suspected IRA sniper fired five shots at police officers in south Belfast last night. Nobody was injured in the shooting which took place as more than 100 nationalists gathered on the Ormeau Bridge over the River Lagan to their anger J. Vir.

The violence troke that after nationalists on both siles of the border joined together in condemning the RUC and Me Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, for allowing 2,000 Orangemen to march along the Roman Catholic down. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, said that he took the decision with deep regret, but said that loyalist terrorists would have unleashed ferocious sectarian violence if the Orangemen had been banned from marching

down the road. His comments cut no ice with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, who accused the

RUC of caving in to the threat

of loyalist violence. At a rally attended by 3,000 people in West Belfast, he said: "Is this how Tony Blair hopes to build a new peace process in our country? The message has to go out that we are not going to put up with our people being savagely attacked." An infuriated Breandan

Mac Cionnaith. leader of the nationalist Garvaghy residents' group, ran up to the senior police officer in charge of the security operation in Portadown to condemn police conduct. As he was dragged away by armed police, Mr Mac Cionnaith, who is a local councillor, said: "You are animals. Is this the way you behave to elected representatives?" Moderate nationalists were also appalled. Brid Rogers, an SDLP councillor for the Garvaghy Road, said: "The police action was totally and absolutely brutal. It is such an outrage that I cannot find

words to express my anger." Mrs Rogers was speaking in Garvaghy Road yesterday morning after hundreds of RUC officers dressed in riot gear had cleared the road. A security operation swung into action at 3.40am yesterday after Mr. Minagan and Dr. Mossiam emcluded that there was no change of a compre mise between nationalists and the Orangemen.
RUC officers, supported by

a fleet of armour-plated Land Rovers, pushed their way down Garvaghy Road to force tate and away from the pe rade. Furious nationalists hurled a volley of petrol bombs, stones and bottles at the police lines.

The security operation allowed the Orangemen to pass along Garvaghy Road in relative peace after their annual service at an Anglican Continued on page 2, col 4

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Charity watchdog attacks parents' group spending

By David Charter, education correspondent

THE country's largest par-ents' organisation has been condemned by the Charity Commission for running up excessive hotel bills after a preakdown in financial

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations had been brought into disrepute and was guilty of counts of mismanagement, the commission said. Trustees spent £30,000 last year meeting at a three-star

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London hotel, even though the charity had been offered free accommodation elsewhere. More than £40,000 was claimed every year on car

The charity has been riven by years of internal wrangling. The commission launched its investigation after complaints from two trustees sacked in November. Commissioners called on the NCPTA to review its aims and direction "from top to bottom". They added: "It has allowed itself to be sidetracked by internal disputes which have created rifts with-

in the organisation and adverse publicity outside." Parent-teacher groups at 11,500 schools pay annual subscriptions of up to £80 a year to the NCPTA for insurance cover for their events. The charity has built up reserves of £1.45 million and has received no investment advice. It claims to represent millions of parents although less than 50 attended its last annual general meeting.

The commission said that three NCPTA officers, Margaret Morrissey, the press of-ficer, Andrew Smeatham, the treasurer, and Belinda Yaxiey. the membership secretary, "may have benefited from their position of trust".

Among "many serious and varied complaints", the commission investigated were the charity's confrontational meetings, lasting eight hours at a stretch. It was also criticised for spending £400 last year for a chain of office for the chairman. The commission said trust-

ees did not support Michael Pepper, the chief executive, who left last year after three months. No steps had been taken to find a replacement. Mrs Morrissey said yesterday she had nothing to apologise for and added that none of the three trustees who became paid staff would be resigning. She said the charity had been given a good deal for using the three-star Ryan Hotel in London's Kings Cross for its meetings.



"I don't believe it - our photos have been mixed up with somebody else's"

Mars rover rolls into action

Sojourner, the first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars, was preparing last night to analyse rocks and soil and send back its own pictures of

the Martian surface. Mission controllers had left the rover parked overnight a vehicle's length away from the Mars Pathfinder spacecraft which took it to the Red Planet. They were jubilant when, after a day of uncertainty, it slowly descended a ramp and left its first tracks in

Threat of chaos over BA strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND DANIEL MCGRORY

AIR travellers face chaos this week after British Airways cabin crew said their 72-hour strike was inevitable following the collapse of talks last night. BA will be forced to ground thousands of flights from 6am on Wednesday as each side hlamed the other for the latest breakdown in the nego-

executive, regretted that the union was not prepared to resolve the dispute through "reasonable" dialogue. "Sadly, this means that the travel plans of thousands of our customers will be disrupted." The airline said the union was only interested in taking discussions "backwards" while Bill Morris, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accused the airline of "looking

Robert Ayling, BA chief

for a fight and desperately wanting this strike". Cabin crew also claimed the airline was stepping up its intimidation of staff even as the conciliation talks went on . the Martian dust.......Page II in a Sussex hotel. Staff say

they have been threatened with dismissal and lawsuits, and warned they could be prevented from flying for months even when the strike is

The result of last night's impasse is that the airline now faces millions of pounds in lost revenue in the first of a threatened series of summer strikes. The three-day walkout around half of BA's intercontinental flights from Heathrow and two thirds of long-haul flights from Gatwick. European and shuttle flights from Heathrow are also likely to be disrupted.

Operating normally will be services with BA's franchise and alliance partners: British Regional Airlines, Brymon Airways, Logonair, Maersk Air, GB Airways, CityFlyer Express, TAT/Air, Deutsche BA, Qantas, Comair, Canadian International, America West, Sun Air and British Mediterranean. The final

number of flights will not Continued on page 2, col

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Sampras joins the roll of Wimbledon immortals

By JOHN GOODBODY AND STEPHEN FARRELL

PETE SAMPRAS won his fourth Wimbledon title in five years yesterday to prove himself one of the supreme men's tennis champions of the modern

His straight-sets victory over Cedric Pioline of France in 1 hour 35 minutes equalled the singles total of Rod Laver of Australia in the 1960s and is only one behind Bjorn Borg of Sweden. whose five successive championships

any man since the First World War. The top-seeded American, who won a cheque for £415,000 in collecting his 10th Grand Slam title, said afterwards that his aim was now to exceed the record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles held by Roy Emerson of Australia. After his victory the clinical Sampras

gave a rare demonstration of public

emotion. He hit his heart three times

and then blew a kiss to his watching

girl-friend Kimberly Williams, the American star of the film Father of the

hetween 1976 and 1980 are the most by Bride. She said afterwards: "It means that he loves me." In the Third Test at Old Trafford, England are facing almost certain defeat today as they ended the fourth

day needing 339 runs for victory with only five wickets left.

With the forecast for Manchester showing only a slight possibility of drizzle, it will need exceptional batting from England's tail-enders to stop Australia levelling the series 1-1 with three matches left. Australia declared their second innings yesterday at 395 for eight. Steve Waugh hit his second century of the game, the first player to complete the feat in an Ashes Test for 50 years. In England's second innings only

John Crawley was consistently defiant with 53 not out at the close as England reached 130 for five. Jason Gillespie got three wickets while Shane Warne got the other two, including Alec Stewart, who was his 250th Test victim.

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Warning on

dangers of

bus surfing'

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents urged

children to give up a bus surfing" craze which left a L3-year-old boy critically ill. An-

thony Ball was struck by/a van when he let go of a/bus

behind which he was "surf-

Roger Vincent, RosPA

the consequences of this sort of thing can be: If a child suddenly comes off the back of a bus, traffic may have to swerve and it could cause

The accident happened in Quinton, West Midlands, on Friday. It is believed that the

boy was holding on to a

double-decker bus to go uphill when he lost his grip and spun into the path of a Ford

Transit PC Jerry Hadley, of

West Midlands Police, said

bus surfing had become a problem in the area recently. Birmingham City Council is expected to introduce a by-law

to ban skaters from the city

The BBC defended the sala-

ries of its senior executives last night while refusing to

confirm reports of pay rises of

John Birt the Director-General, received a 20 per cent rise to £354,000 a year

BBC accused

over pay rises

man, said: "We would urge parents to tell their children about how serious

ing" on rollerblades.

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Honeymoon over for Mowlam

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT. AND AUDREY MAGEE

MO MOWLAM'S brief honcymoon as Northern Ireland Secretary came to an abrupt halt at 3.40am in Portadown vesterday when police in riot gear cleared nationalists off the Garvaghy Road.

Leaders of the Catholic residents, who had been on first-name terms with Dr Mowlam, cursed her as they were forced off the road to make way for the Orange parade later in the day.

Breandan Mac Cionnaith, the residents' spokesman, spat out his words as he called on Dr Mowlam to resign. He said: "When I met Mo people asked me whether I trusted her. They said never trust an Englishman's smile. Well, now that applies to this Eng-

His anger, which was in stark contrast to the friendly relations Dr Mowlam had enjoyed with the residents' group until yesterday, was a powerful reminder of the formidable difficulties faced by all Northern Ireland Secretaries. However hard ministers may try to reach out to both communities in Ulster, they soon have to make decisions which appear partisan.

With memories of her pre decessors in mind, Dr Mowlam made a determined effort to adopt a more informal approach than the nine men who have held the post since 1972. From the moment she was appointed Shadow Northern Ireland spokeswoman in 1995 Dr Mowlam launched a charm offensive to woo both nationalists and Unionists.

The normally-ebullient Dr Mowlam's sombre manner yesterday highlighted her deep disappointment that the parade had to be forced down the Garvaghy Road. Speaking on the steps of Stormont Castle she said: "This is a sad day for all of us. Many will be angered by what has occurred but I appeal to them to exercise restraint. Northern Ireland has seen far too many

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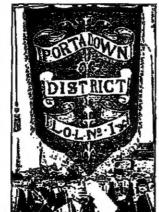
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A protester injured yesterday in clashes with the RUC in Portadown. Nationalists were pushed back to allow the later Orange march



Orangemen parading in Garvaghy Road

Soldiers sweep aside protesters

AS DAWN broke over Portadown yesterday the biggest security operation since the height of the Troubles in the early 1970s swung into

action on Garvaghy Road. At just after 3.30am nation lists who were camped out for the night on a grass verge at the top of the road were woken by 70 armed soldiers. The groggy-eyed residents barely had time to work out what was happening when the soldiers abruptly turned

FROM NICHOLAS WATT AND AUDREY MAGEE IN PORTADOWN round and marched towards Drumcree church. Within seconds hundreds of RUC officers in riot gear began to clear the road.

The officers, who were protected by fireproof cloth-ing and followed by a fleet of armour-plated Land Rovers, swept past hundreds of resi-dents who rushed out when news broke of the police operation. Amid a volley of petrol bombs, stones and bottles the police pressed on

estate at the side of the road. ported by soldiers in huge Saxon vehicles, pushed the nationalists back into the estate to ensure that the Orange parade would be able to pass unhindered later

The violent scenes appalled a bost of international observers who came to witness the police handling of an MP for the governing Fianua Fail party in the Irish Republic, who is the grandson of Eamon de Valera, said: "This premeditated opcration shows that the threat of loyalist force will always be

The police operation en-Orangemen marched along the Garvaghy Road at 1pm the nationalist protest was

according to reports apparently based on leaks of the BBC annual report to be published this week. Ronald Neil, chief disturbances. Eamon O Cuiv. executive of the BBC's production division, had a pay and pension package rise of 39 per cent to £226,000 while

Will Wyatt received a 27 per cent rise. The awards came at a time when programme bud-gets were being trimmed and most staff have accepted a 3.5 per cent rise.

Soldiers held in gun alert

Eight soldiers were being questioned by police last night after a man was reported to have been seen on a screen holding a handgun is Darlington town centre 4 fired. Later 24 officers surounded a guestliouse and st off the fire alarm. The men, serving at Catterick, worth Yorkshire, were arrested as they ran out Police took possession of two self-loading automatic pistols and a re-volver, all fitted to fire blank ammunition, and 95 blank rounds. Superintendent John Curry said: "We minimised the risk to the public, the officers and the suspects. Ministers to back

Havoc after parade goes ahead and is likely to delay an IRA

inued from page church at Drumeree on the outskirts of Portadown. Nationalists could only bang pots and shout abuse as the Orangemen marched six abreast in silence along the route they have followed since 1907.

Dr Mowlam said that she regretted that the Orangemen been forced down the road, but she insisted that the threat of loyalist terrorism meant that the RUC had no choice. Speaking at a press conference on the steps of Stormont Castle, Dr Mowlam said: "I know many in the nationalist community will be angered by this decision, It has been dictated by circumstances. I would have preferred it otherwise." She tried to reassure nation-

alists by saying that she would try to address their concerns over the marching issue. Dr Mowlam made clear that she would implement the North report which recommended that the Independent Parades Commission should have the power to adjudicate on contentious parades.

The decision to allow the parade to proceed will have profound political consequences for Northern Ireland

ceasefire for months, if not years. Nationalists, including moderates who abhor the IRA. have seen that for two consecutive years the RUC has had to force the parade down Garvaghy Road in the face of the threat of loyalist violence.

Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, said last night that he was deeply saddened by the RUC decision. But his criticisms were muted, an indication that Dublin believed that Dr Mowlam had tried hard to reach an agreement. He said: "I can well

number of marches and we have to continue the dialogue and achieve the accommodation that I had hoped we would have achieved today."

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, who is the local MP, rejected claims by nationalists that the march had been triumphalist. He said: "It was what they have been doing for the last 190 years. The question to ask is why is it that in the last three years deliberate attempts have been made to attack them?"

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Air travellers face strike chaos

Continued from page 1 known until the airline is sure

how many cabin crew ignore the strike, and the number of management volunteers and casual staff it can hire.

The airline is to take out fullpage advertisements in natonal newspapers showing the flights that will be operating. The information will also be on Teletext. BA says it will try to employ "short-term staff and volunteers" to keep to its

Staff claim that the airline is concentrating its efforts on recruiting a strike- breaking army rather than resolving

their dispute over restructuring their contracts. Mr Morris reported details of the breakdown of talks to his own proposals union as it prepared to hold its biennial conference in

Mr Morris accused the airline of acting in a "bizarre" way and of trying to bully its staff into submission. The unavoidable conclusion is that they are behaving as an employer who desperately needs

"You don't recruit a strikebreaking army in February, threaten to sue individuals for union offices and refuse to release representatives from normal duty to consider your

understand the residents' fury

Cabin crew last night told how over the weekend "there have been phone calls to our homes and it has been made clear if we go sick to avoid taking sides in the strike we could be grounded for months".

One senior crew member. said: "British Airways is making it clear that if you strike or go sick you can forget promotion and could even face redundancy later this year. They know many staff are torn over this strike but they are poisoning the atmosphere".

BA denied using "bully boy" tactics and described its behaviour as reasonable. In-

ducements are being offered to staff to ignore Wednesday's three-day stoppage. Secret instructions are being given to staff about where to meet so that they can smug-gled safely into Heathrow past picket lines. Staff have been told they can charge up to E75 on taxis to get them to the

rendezvous points. They have

been warned not to wear their BA uniforms until they are

inside the airport.

teenagers to carry ID cards to prove they are old enough to buy alcohol, including alcopops, is experted to be backed by ministers. The voluntary plan, initiated by the drinks industry, will be included in a series of recommendations drawn up with the industry and published later this month in an attempt to combat under age alcoho

drink ID cards

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Teenagers would be en-couraged to apply for the cards from the industry, but ministers are also conside tougher proposals why would give magistrates (ers to insist all drink retain operate the scheme.

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Food guide tasters go on strike over cash

THE TIMES MONDAY

THE tasters from the Egon Ronay guides, who cat and drink their way across the land in a dedicated search of the best restaurants and hotels, have downed knives and forks and gone on strike after ending up paying their own

They are backed by Egon Ronay himself, who is suing the publishers of the guides, claiming his reputation as the master of culinary discernment will be damaged as a result of the dispute.

The dozen regional tasters whose reports make up the guide say that since February only a portion of the expenses for the meals they have caten have been met.
The reporters, who are food

writers and gournands, are not allowed to notify restau-tants and hotels that they are working for the guide and must visit as members of the public, paying for whatever meals they have

They are paid £20 to £30 for each report and, until the dispute began, had the full cost of their meals

Trouble started almost as soon as a new team of regional reporters were recruited from among 700 hopefuls after newspaper advertisements were placed at the beginning of this year and were then given four days' training by senior inspectors on how to go

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Egon Ronay: suing the guide publishers

We asked if we could have credit cards so we wouldn't run up huge bills ourselves, but were told we couldn't do that," said one of the team of inspectors. "After two months of work we submitted our

expenses. Our contracts said that the money would be reimbursed within 30 days; but it wasn't We were told that the money wasn't available from the sponsors I was owed more than El,000 and eventually after a lot of calls I got some of it, but I'm still owed hundreds."

Some of the inspectors have now gone to the small claims alarmed that it would reflect on him if the guides were poorly researched, relying on old reports.

Mr Ronay, who founded the guides in 1987 and ran them for 27 years, signed an agree-

Global InfoCom Ltd, last year. Mr Ronay became a consultant to the company, but he has now resigned and has issued a High Court writ against Global Infocom seeking damages.

Among the claims in the writ are that the reputation of the Egon Ronay guides and the reputation of Egon Ronay himself are inextricably linked and that the dispute would mean that " ... the catering

trade and the public will infer that the inspections on which the reputation of the Egon Ronay guides is based have either not been carried out at all or at a reduced level," it - Mr Ronay said: "I do not

want to sound grand. I am not wealthy like Conran, but I must stress that I'm not interested in the financial benefits." he said of his legal action.
What I am interested in is my reputation. The point is to clear my name. I don't want my name soiled. I have worked all my life to preserve my integrity and people rely on my name and have done for decades.

"If they publish in November you can draw your own conclusions. The inspectors haven't been working for weeks. The guide is nothing without proper inspections, it is a sham."

All the reports were sup-posed to be submitted by the end of June in order to meet publication deadlines, but the

people in the culinary world do not know she is a taster said she had completed only a little over half her reports and, like her colleagues, would not be doing any more.

"I fear that they will have to use the old reports, which is not giving people proper val-ue," she said.

Because the news of the dispute had spread to the public from the catering trade. Mr Ronay said that people would infer that inspections had either not been made or had been carried out at a reduced level.

Mr Ronay, who is in his seventies, originally sold his guides to the AA. They were then sold on to Leading Guides, who were in turn swallowed up by Global infoCom, a subsidiary of the Richbell Group, who invited Mr Ronay to renew his involvement with the guides as a

There are strict conditions under the agreement which, if broken, mean the loss of the right to use the Egon Ronay

Although at present he is only suing for damages. Mr Ronay pointed out that under the agreement at least 60 per cent of the restaurants featured in the guide must have been sampled that year in order to provide an up-to-date

Otherwise, the right to use his name reverts to him. Global InfoCom Ltd could



cross and matching headband, and a long slit dress with constructed shoulder and embroidered flower motif presented in Paris at the weekend by Gianni Versace. The Italian



haute conture collection a sharp 1980s-style edge with his topof-the-range Atelier collection (Heath Brown, fashion editor. writes). The Paris shows continue until Thursday

TV documentaries fuel speculation that Prince may remarry

AND DANLEL MCGRORY

AS the Prince of Wales pre-pares to host a barry at Highgrove here week to dele-brate the 50th birthday of Camilla Parker Bowles, there is increasing Speculation over the future of their relationship.

Within the last 48 hours newspaper stories on the issue, largely engendered by the screening last highlit of two television documentaries.

The Prince's staff have always denied friant there is a concerted campaign to make Mrs. Parker Bowles. campaign denied concerted campaign to make Mrs. Parker Bowles. campaign denied campaign denied of the Prince last night agreed that he was "not unhappy" with mature discussion" about the course his private and public life should now nouncements: from the Prince's staff; members of his Prince's staff; members of his private and public life should now take.

Prince's staff, members of his close circle have never been more energetic in promoting his cause and airing the debate that the two might marry one day.

While neither the Prince nor Mrs Parker Bowles co-operated with a 50-minute documentary, Camilla, shown on

known her for 30 years, said her former husband, Andrew Parker Bowles, urged him to out the record straight and defend her over her innocence in the collapse of the Prince's marriage. He said: "I will not see her labelled as England's most hated woman." Friends



One source said: "The only absolute supulation is that nothing should be done that does not meet the approval of the Royal Family nor carries public opinion. He will donothing that could in any way jeopardise his succession".

Recent appointments to the Charmel 5 last night, some of Prince's staff have supported their friends old their friends old the idea that he should be Charles Benson, who has more robust in defending his public image and in persuad-ing his future subjects to accept the idea of a formal union with Mrs Parker Bowles. The one thing Charles had made clear is that he will not sever relations with

non-negotiable," the source

ticians are increasingly publicly debating the union and the issue of whether a morganatic marriage could ever be acceptable. Such an arrangement would preclude Mrs Parker Bowles from becoming Queen as she would have no claim on the titles nor possessions of the Prince. The Venerable George discussed the subject on Heart of the Matter last night. "As a private person mistakes can be left behind. But he is head of the Church of England". He said the question was whether the Church needed the monarch more as its head, rather than whether the

Prince needed the Church. Constitutional experts have always ruled out any possibility of a morganatic marriage. They recall that when the possibility was aired in 1936, in relation to Edward VIII and Mrs Ernest Simpson, it was ruled out as being virtually

impossible under English law. Mrs Parker Bowles's recent car crash on her way to visit the Prince, when she called royal protection officers for help because of the risk of kidnap, illustrates how she is already included in the royal circle. The incident was also proof of how intimate a role

she plays in the Prince's life. One friend of the Prince said: "If everyone gets used to the idea of Charles and Camilla, then the public will have grown used to the idea if years hence they marry."



Lord St. John: in



Widdecombe fears of another abdication



Austin: "pretence"

Questions for the Church

BY RICHARD FORD AND DANIEL McGRORY

said: "A morganatic marriage but the Church of England. It will have to take a view as to whether its own Supreme Governor can not only be divorced but can be married to somebody who is divorced.

vert to Roman Catholicism and Roman Catholic said and former Tory minister, that although he was once against the idea of a remar-

Ben Punlott, author of The Queen: A biography of Eliza-beth II. said a morganatic but he said the Church must marriage was an unrealistic.
"It would downgrade the "I hope we don't end up with wife, saying she is not good is happening at all when an abdication. There will enough to be Queen. This everybody knows perfectly probably have to be a choice." would rather reduce the well that it is a relationship, is Lord St John of Fawsley, whole point of having a

ANN WIDDECOMBE, con- former Conservative minister monarch. The only real obstacle is public opinion." George Austin, Archdeacon

of York, said he was in favour said: A morganauc marriage against the read of a return of a morganatic marriage of a morganatic marriage of a morganatic marriage. She is the love of his life even though he treated her badly charles who wants it all ways. What would be her official when he admitted adultery in public." He was sure the public." He was sure the public was being "softened up" to accept her as his wife, make up its mind.

"The pretence that nothing damaging," he added.



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Opera chief plans screen relays to reach wider public

Lord Chadlington, chairman of Covent Garden, tells Dalya Alberge of improvements to the house's image

THE Royal Opera House is proposing to transmit its opera and ballet productions on giant screens in parks and stately homes throughout Britain in an attempt to increase public access and dispel the

house's elitist image.

Speaking to The Times,
Lord Chadlington, its chairman, said that he hoped to have dozens of temporary screens erected round

the country. When the house re-opens after months, tens of thousands of people would be able to enjoy pro-ductions broadcast direct from Covent Garden — either out-doors, or indoors, he said. The temporary closure of the Covent Garden house begins later this month.

Negotiations are under way with Eng-lish Heritage. As Lord Chadlington wants entry to be free, potential sponsors are being ap-proached; the initial reaction has been good, he said. Certainly live broadcasts, of opera from the house to the screen in Covent Garden's piazza had immensely. popular. A mush-rooming of screens across the country

was, Lord Chadling ton said, the next best thing to the Arts Minister. "I'm totally building a theatre "big enough for everyone to see Domingo and Pavarotti

The company is also explor-ing ways of broadcasting most of its productions into the nation's cinemas. Disquisions with the UCI chain have been positive; cinema technology offers a sound and vision that far exceeds the quality of the average television set. He also wants to take advantage of the increasing number of tele-vision channels that cable, satellite and digital technology

are opening up.

In outlining the plans, the chairman spoke of his passionate determination to create the "people's opera" requested by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, and Mark Fisher,

who resigned only 18 weeks into the job complaining of illhealth, was replaced unexpectedly by the Arts Council secretary general, Mary Allen; appointment caused widespread concern because the board had by-passed any official interviews. Among many other problems, it has also een anacked for its

handling of staff

disaster to another. After the

controversy over the £78 mil-lion of lottery cash it was granted for its £214 million

accused of incompetence in

finding temporary venues

during the renovation and

over its handling of the sud-

den departure of its chief

executive. Genista McIntosh,

Making the house more accessible to the public will involve cutting ticket prices. But that will have to be financed from other starces. "Like everyone else, we are under the cosh for sources of Apart from an accumulated deficit of some £5 million, they must still find £62 million towards the redevelopment.

we are on target", he said. Costs for individual productions vary from £150,000 to £600,000, though that can be spread through co-stagings with other companies and

Accepting that the Govern-ment will not raise their He accepts that the house hunding levels — even though must radically improve its we are the most poorly-sup-They are among products that their brand."



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LUNDON-JOHN LONG I A poster advertising a dance season; a programme from a visit of the Russe in 1912; and a poster for three operas at

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by a factor of nearly two," they thousands of pounds through historic posters from Covent perform the piece as part of are considering fundraising ini"a strong Covent Garden shop" Garden's extensive archive. Breeze 97, the city's celebration tiatives such as merchandising. and a mail-order catalogue, They could be reproduced for of music and the arts. Michael Lord Chadlington has plans to tapping into their 80,000-strong sale. The house had never done williamson, musical director of sell T-shirts, greeting-cards, mailing-list. "We will have to be this before, he said.

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A Donizetti opera last perducted the opera, which was

ballet-shoes, CD-Roms for edu- of Dunhill or Polo and the formed in Paris in 1834, has written in 1828 and experts had cational purposes and videos, extended way they have used been revived by Leeds Youth thought to be lost. It played to They are among products that their brand."

Opera after the Donizetti Soci-full houses during its generate hundreds of Products could also include ety invited the youngsters to four-night run.

Oasis at midnight and all is not well

■ Record shops were open at midnight last night for the release of the first new single in 15 months by Oasis, the biggest-selling British group since The Beatles. DAVID SINCLAIR wonders if D'You Know What I Mean (Creation Records) was worth it.

PERHAPS a feeling of anniclimax was inevitable after a long wait during which expectations have been stoked to unrealistic levels. But even so, the new Oasis single sounds remarkably like business as usual, no matter how much it has been tarted up with various off-the-peg spacey produc-

tion effects.

The first verse begins promisingly, as Liam Gallagher wraps his Mancunian yobbo drawl around a taut melody line with a heroic sense of purpose. But the lyric is aston-ishingly feeble: "The blood on the trax must be mine / The fool on the hill and I feel fine / Don't look back cos you know what you might see." This compendium of famous rock'n'roll phrases is presumably intended as a metaphorical two fingers to anyone who has ever complained about songwriter Noel Gallager having "plagiaristic" tendencies. But it doesn't sound defiant so much as just plain dumb.

By the time it gets to the chorus, the song has surrendered all its mystery and turned into a big, back-slap-ping terrace anthem - "All my people right here right now / D'you know what I mean?" — which will sound fine rolling across Wembley and Maine Road, but is hardly a tune to rival Oasis greats such as Some Might Say or

Live Forever. The worst thing about the record is the beat: an oldfashioned, four-square, midtempo, rock ordinaire plod, completely lacking in imagi-nation and drive. Coming at a time when the dance revolution is galvanising the pop mainstream, and bands such as Prodigy and the Chemical Brothers are carving out a new rhythmic future for pop. D'You Know What I Mean sounds worryingly like a band looking back to a golden past. It will be a No I hit, of course, but as a harbinger for the new Oasis album, to be released in August, it does not

Recipe for food standards drawn up

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A POWERFUL alliance of national organisations will amounce 100 food policy proposals todaythat it wishes to see implemented by the new Food Standards Agenty and the eight government departments that corrently

area of food and notrition. The National Food Alliance, which represents 72 national organisations in the ronmental fields, including voluntary and professional bodies said that its policy

There's no disguising

Chadlington: plans for the future

committed to it and the board

is totally committed". Lord

Chadlington said. We have got to change the perception that this house is einst. We

have to make the opera house

in every sense mure acces-

must radically improve its image and that it has gone

ain's food policies had failed Geoffrey Cannon, chair man of the alliance, said last night: "Over the past 50 years food policies have been dic-tated by the three outdated doctrines of intensive farming cheap food and fuel

the abolition of standards has put public health seriously at risk." The alliance's proposal include a move away from hsidies on fruit and vegeta bles and more comprehensiv and comprehensible labelling

Skydiver to visit widow of instructor

BY TIM JONES

THE skydiver who escaped death after falling 6,000ft when a parachute failed to open is planning to return to Florida t meet the widow of the instructo credited with saving his life.
As Gareth Griffiths recovere

vesterday at his parents' bunga low at Bridgend, Glamorgan he was too traumatised to speal of the ordeal in which Mike Costello was killed.

Mr Costello, 38, who was strapped to Mr Griffiths as they hurtled to the ground at mor than 100mph, is believed to have rolled over at the last moment to cushion Mr Grif fiths from the worst of the impact. The Briton suffered crushed vertebrae and broker

Mr Griffiths, 27, is said to b devastated by the accident. His twin brother, David, who fley with him from Florida, said "Gareth can remember all the details of the tall but is staying silent until he has met and spoken to Mr Costello's widow Sandy. At the moment, they ar both too distressed to speal about the event."

David thinks that even whe the physical scars have healed his brother will keep some details to himself for the rest of his life.

Mr Griffiths, a management consultant, was on holiday with friends when he made what was his first jump two weeks ago He is being cared for by his mother, Faye, 67, a retired nurse. She said: Gareth is still very weak and pale and much less mobile than we thought h would be.

"I cried my eyes out when saw him at the weekend but now we are trying to deal with the practical problems of look ing after him."



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Big brother keeps watch with mother

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE era of "big brother" surveillance systems is helping mothers to keep an eye on their children. Nursery link that allows working parents to watch their offspring

on the Internet The hand-size camera, fixed on a wall, relays two pictures a zoo in Oregon.

No matter how positive computer. Access is limited by use of passwords. It is claimed to be the first minicamera that contains all the technology to send colour pictures directly over the Internet, and could also keep watch on the car in the garage, pets, or the house during the

day. The link's launch in Britain follows controversy in America over parents using similar cameras to monitor their nanny in the wake of a number of child murders and abuse cases. A spokesman for Axis Communications, a Swedish company with offices in Berkshire, said: "The camera can

A surveillance camera in a nursery lets working parents see their children's activities via pictures on the Internet

be used for a lot of applications. There are business uses schools are testing a camera for looking around the office. There is one in a ski resort so you can go on to the Internet to check the weather. There is one in the elephant house in a

> parents feel about their children's nursery, this gives the added reassurance of being able to drop in at anytime."

Amanda Ramage, director of Teddies Nursery in Twickenham, west London, carried out the first British trial. Two cameras were mounted in the opposite corners of the main room. She said: "My reservation was that the staff would feel uncomfortable, and you might lose the natural relationship beteen the nursery nurse and the child because they would become too self-

When we showed them how they looked on the screen,

they liked it and did not feel it was a form of surveillance. It is very much a fun product. I think parents will use it for five minutes at a time during their coffee break."

She said that she would install the system permanently if it was not too expensive. At present, the cameras cost £949 each. In America, nurseries charge parents extra if cameras are installed.

Office-bound parents said that the system gave them extra reassurance and enabled them to keep up with their youngsters' activities. Sara Stewart, a businesswoman with two children at Teddies Nursery, said: "I don't view it as keeping an eye on the children. If I did not feel happy with Teddies, I would not have sent them there.

"It is nice to be able to key in and just have a smile at what they are up to. Instead of having a picture of your child

on your desk, it is nicer to catch them making a cake or reading. It just makes you feel like you are more in touch."

But she said she would not pay extra for the surveillance: "If a nursery wants to offer it, I think it should be a free service because we are already paying a sufficient amount to have children looked after." Margaret Lochrie, chief ex-

ecutive of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, said it would not oppose cameras if parents wanted them: "We have got absolutely nothing to hide, although I am less than clear about the point of this. If they are worried about the nursery, they should be taking other steps about it. "If you would like to know

what's going on at the nursery, rather than stay at home and watch it on the screen, there is no better way than to pop down yourself and get involved."



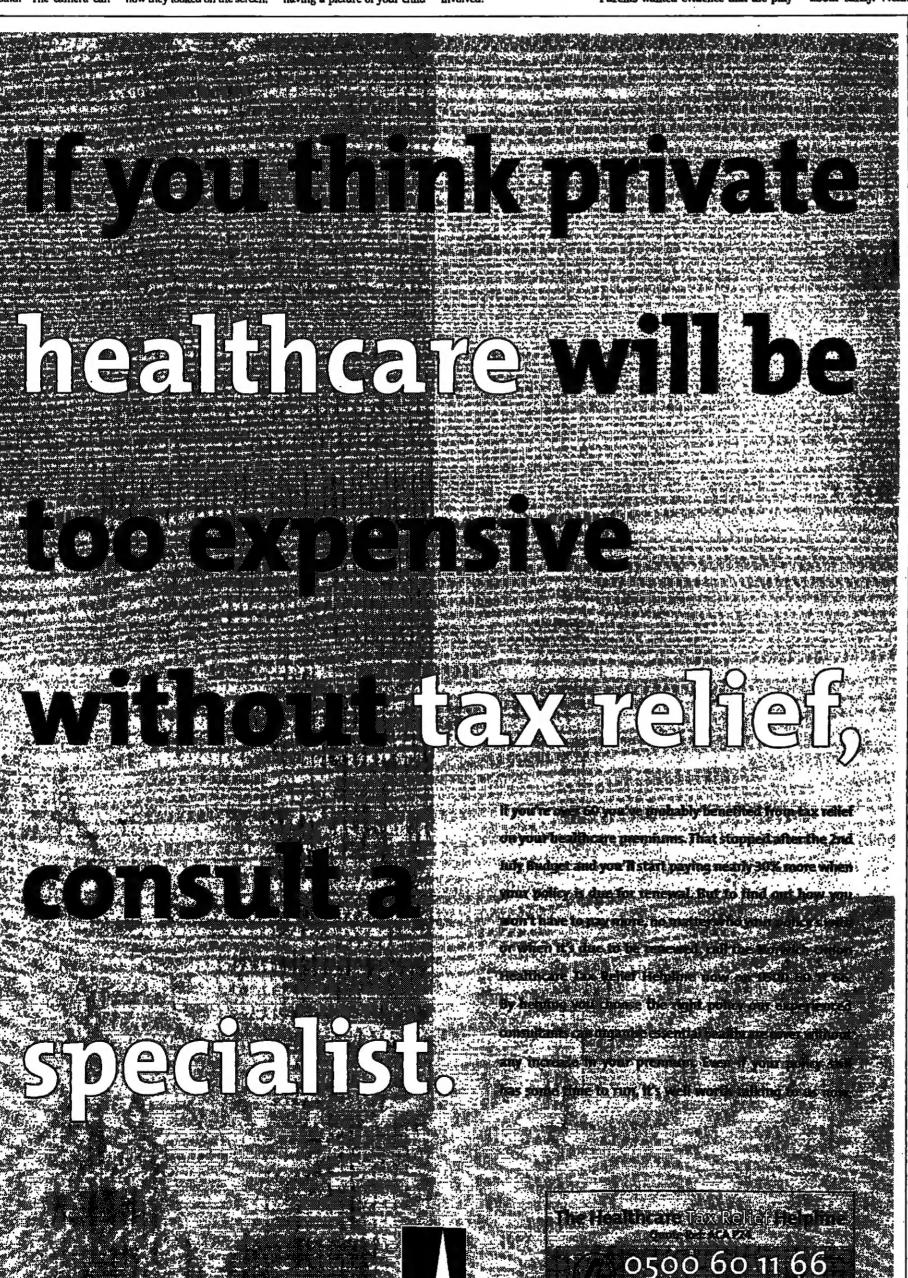
One mother said of the camera link: "It is nice to be able to key in and have a smile at what they are up to"

Parents demand tight nursery security

only to caring staff when parents come to choose a nursery or playgroup, a study by the National Foundation for Educational Research has found.

ground was secure, with good fences, gates and locking doors, and that all visitors were carefully monitored. Good facilities, a wide range of activities and about safety. Nearly 1,000 parents of

three and four-year-olds were ques-tioned for the research. Caroline Sharp, of the foundation, said: "Parents talked quite emotionally. They wanted better



Tagging may be expanded nationwide

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE nationwide expansion of electronic tagging of offenders, including their use for non-violent offenders who could be released early too jail, is being planned by the Government in an attempt to cut the spiralling cost of

The prison population is rising by up to 300 inmates a week, and reached a record 61,800 last week. The Home Office's proposal rapidly to develop electronic tagging would release more space in prisons and coincides with plans by companies involved in pilot projects to launch a tag little bigger than a wrist-

The latest tag, developed by Geografix in Norfolk, weighs and has a diameter of about 2in. It will be introduced in the autumn and the firm hopes to export it to the United States.

Home Office officials have been asked to work on detailed plans to extend tagging to cover the 14,000 criminals



The new electronic tag weighs only 21 grams

given probation each year, and also the possible electronic tagging of more than 4,000 non-violent offenders who could be released early from

Non-violent prisoners would be eligible for release from between three and sixmonths before their official parole as long as they agreed

to be electronically tagged. The latest figures show that 442 offenders have been tagged since trials started in Norfolk, Manchester and Berkshire, and that only 60

had the tag revoked.

Since the Labour Govern-ment took office, officials from the Treasury and Home Office have met companies involved in tagging trials and asked for nates of the cost of a

Although penal roups criticised vhen it was introduced by Michael Howard, they are reconsidering their position following support for electronmonitoring by Jack Straw, the new Home Secretary. He believes the technology has improved, and that the system is far cheaper than keeping people in jail. He favours a wider use of tagging as long as offenders receive help to deal with their problems, including alcohol and drug misa week to keep an inmate in jail compared with £100 a week for tagging.

Harry Fletcher, assistant

general secretary of the Natonal Association of Probation Officers, said that any extension of tagging must be linked with efforts to rehabilitate



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MP splits hairs over 'First Lady's' coiffure



1994: hair lacks flair

POLITICAL REPORTER

A TORY MP will demand formal confirmation in the Commons today that £2,000 of public money was not used in pay for Cherie Blair's personal hairdresser to travel with her to the G7 summit in Denver last

André Snard, a stylist who works at the Michaeljohn salon in London. was flown out to the United States and booked into the Marriott hotel so that he could tend the hair of the Although Mrs Blair is allowed by

Whitehall rules to claim hairdressing expenses when on formal overseas trips, Downing Street insisted that she had paid the costs herself. "She is scrupulous about things like this," a Government spokesman

However, Michael Fabricant, the Tory MP for Lichfield, said he would put down several formal written questions to the National Audit Office and other Government bodies today to make sure that no public money was spent or was ever intended to have been spent on providing hadreare.

"I have no objection to the State

What I am saying is that it is outrageous profligacy if the State was ever expected to pay for a London hairdresser to be sent out to Denver when there are plenty of hairdressers there to deal with the

He said the decision to take Mr Suard to the United States was a clear example of the Blairs' attempt to develop an American presidential style of Government. "I don't think the tax payer should fund their presidential ambitions," he said.

organising her correspondence and Mr Suard, who was unavailable Since her husband became leader

Ronit Zilkha.

Although she mainly chooses her own clothes and style, she often gets advice from her personal aides, Fiona Millar and Roz Preston. They

are both close friends of Mrs Blair

and work part-time for her,

of the Labour Party in 1994, Mrs day newspaper that he got help from Blair has sharpened up her choice of clothes and hairstyle. Despite claiming in one interview that she did not advising Mrs Blair. The group is said to include a fashion stylist to want to become a "clothes borse", advise on clothing and a make-up she began wearing smart suits from expert to advise on cosmetics. designer houses such as London's

Downing Street again insisted that none of the team was paid for

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out of the public purse.

Earlier this year, Mrs Blair also began training at a gym three days a week. She is believed to have employed a personal fitness trainer at the Albany Health and Fitness club in central London at an estimated cost of £50 an hour.

NEWS OF THE WORLD



University sues fertility pioneer over payments for private work

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Foreign centres named in writ issued

AN EXPERT on fertility treatment is being sued by the university where he worked after being accused of carrying out private work without permission.

Simon Fishel, 43, who pioneered techniques to help in-fertile men to become fathers. resigned from the Nurture unit at Nottingham University at the end of April. He was told to leave immediately, even though his period of

notice had not run out.

Last week the university issued a writ seeking the return of documents and information, and damages for breach of contract. An investiture suggested that private work was being undertaken without permission, a university spokesman said yester-

day. Dr. Fishel was not available for comment but denied the allegations in a statement issued by his lawyers. I strongly deny that I breached

THE company which cloned

Dolly the sheep now plans to

. The component human se-

rum albumin, is at present derived from blood donations

and is used to help patients who have lost a large amount of blood. It commins no blood

by Nottingham for breach of contract

my contract or that I induced. others to do so," the statement said. "Any external activities were carried out with the approval of my superiors and my enternal work was greatly beneficial to the institution."

The implication behind the writ is that Dr Fishel was earning money by providing services abroad, and not putting it through the Nurture books. The case, if it comes to court, is likely to depend on the precise nature of his contract of employment and the extent of any permission to carry on a private practice.

University Research and Treatment Unit in Reproduction — was set up by the university as a self-financing unit within the obstetrics and gynaecology department. It is designed to make money, which is ploughed back into

PPL Therapentics, the Edin-

burgh-based company linked

to the Roslin Institute where

Dolly was cloned, plans to

carry out the research at its US

subsidiary. Dr Alan Colman,

Research Director of PPL, said

that the object was to produce

cows which carry the gene for

human serum albumin and

produce it in their milk.

disclose computer passwords to allow access to his files. it seeks details of all the private work done while he was on the university's staff, Gold-top blood plan to account for money received, and for secret profits and for sums earned in breach

> Dr Fishel previously worked with Robert Edwards and the late Patrick Steptoe, who were responsible for the world's first test-tube baby. Nottingham University has a reputation for taking a tough line with academics that it believes have transgressed its

their contracts and seeks an

injunction ordering him to



Mother, 12, admits 'I'm too young'

"I WISH I was 16. I'm too young to have a haby. Jenny Teague, at 12 the youngest mother in Britain, said while cradling her daughter at her parents home at the weekend. The schoolgirl, who has Winnie the Pooh posters

Caesarean section. "My one big dream is to be older, "she said. Jenny spoke publicly with the permission of her father, Tom, who has not worked for five years because of an industrial injury, and her mother, Carol. The girl attends

Martin Kemp Welch

comprehensive school in Poole, Dorset, where five other pupils are known to have become pregnant School inspectors have urged the governors to improve the "spiritual, moral and social develop ment" of the pupils. Christopher Fraser, Conservative MP for MidDorset and Poole North. is to raise the issue in the Commons. "Clearly, there is a lesson to be learnt from this case," he said. "Such an early pregnancy will have a profound effect on this girl. Society is responsible for ensuring that such things are prevented in the future.

Nerves at children's hospital licked by lollipops

SURGEONS believe they have solved the problem of calming children before operations. They will be offered raspberry, lemon or pepper-mint lollipops containing a

The method will spare children, doctors and parents the ordeal of an injection. Young patients are then given a full anaesthetic before going into theatre. The idea has been hailed a success by staff at the Royal Gwent Hospital at Newport, South Wales.

Dylan Prosser, the senior registrar, said yesterday: Children are more likely to accept something fun rather than needles or foul-tasting medicines. It's a novel way of providing drugs in a non-

threatening way."
The sedative lolly scheme is believed to be the only one of its kind in Britain and has so far worked successfully on 39 out of 40 children. Mark Allman, the senior pharmacist, who makes the lollies at St Mary's Day Hospital in Penarth, said: "Lollipops take the drug more effectively into their systems by absorption through blood vessels in the

"The children think they are sucking a normal lollipop and they are not aware they are being relaxed. The next thing they know they are recovering from their operation."

The bad news for squeamish adults is that the lollipops are available only to children aged three to ten. Mr Allman said: The dose is ger children and differ depending on the size of the child. They would not be effective for adults."

The lollipops contain doses of Fentanyl, a synthetic opiate painkiller that acts as a relaxant before an anaesthetic is given. They originated with an American pharmaceutical firm that does not market them in Britain.

Cutting the risk of breast cancer complication

RESEARCH in Italy has found a way for surgeons to determine whether breast can cer has spread into the axilla, or armpit, without the need for was recently reported in The Lancet and invourably re-viewed in the British Medical

Journal. Widespread dissection of the sailla after breast lymphoedema, one of the most disabling post-operative complications of the treatment.

severe painful swelling to the arm as the result of subcutaneous tissue becoming engarged by lymph fluid, which collects once the lymphatic drainage system has been disrupted by the surgeon's knife. Eymphoedema produces a

The Italian research has shown that if a radioactive dye is injected near the breast tumour the day before sur-gery, it is possible for the first age system from the breast to

pathological examination. The presence or absence of turnour cells in this sentinel lymphatic gland gives an excellent indication of the state of the other

Trials of the technique have shown 100 per cent accuracy in women with a primary breast tumour I.Sem or less in size, and a 97.5 per cent accuracy overall. This know-ledge about the extent of the cancer's spread will allow the surgeon to determine a treatment regime that will be safe

abling lymphoedema.

There is a more than 80 per cent chance of a patient being disease-free ten years after surgery if the axillary lymph glands are free of malignant that the likelihood of being disease-free for ten years falls to 25 to 40 per cent if one or more of the glands has been affected by the cancer.

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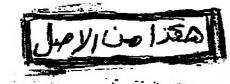
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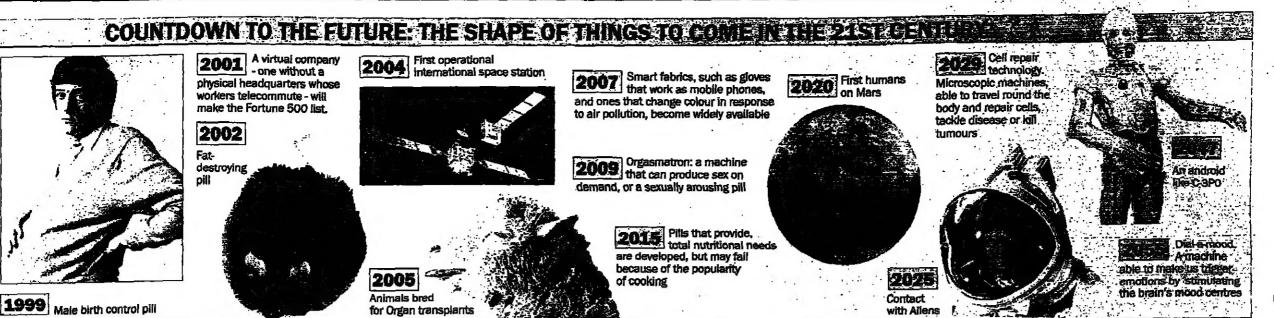
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Death may lose its sting in 50 years

BY NICK NUTTALL A WORLD of driverless taxis and

better-fitting clothes is not far

Scientists make their forecasts on likely breakthroughs, and decide that even finding the United States's Department of the United States's Department of

a cure for the hangover will have to wait for as long as a manned landing on Mars

away, scientists forecast today. However, death and hangovers will take a little longer to solve. In a list of predictions on breakthroughs, they also displayed caution on popular images of the future by ruling out James Bond-

style personal jetpacks, orbiting solar power stations and the paperless office. A range of academics, writers and experts were invited to make their predictions for Reality Check: A shopping list for the next millennium, a report commis-sioned for the US magazine Wired.

They were more confident about domestic improvements in the near future - especially where it would make video and CD players obsolete. Experts believe that video-ondemand, where home viewers can

will be a reality this year. Similarly, music recordings will be routinely bought and downloaded into the home via the Internet and computer lines by 2010.

Flat-rate phone calls, in which long distance and international calls are charged at a standard rate, may happen next year in countries such as America. Michael Scharge, a researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. believes that increasing bandwidth brought about by fibre-optic cables makes flat-rate calls imminent. The death of the ill-fitting, off-

the-peg jacket and skirt is forecast for 1999. Body scanners, more accurate than the tailor's tradition-

al tape measure, are being developed to allow clothes companies to offer an overnight service for a personal fit. Adidas, the sports footwear company, is testing a

digital foot scanner.
On the roads, self-driving taxis and cars, in which satellites guide the vehicle from office to home, or to holiday destinations, could arrive by 2019, according to experts including Toshio Fukuda of Nagoya University in Japan. By then, cars whose radios, cigarette lighters and windscreen wipers are powered by solar cells on the roof could be 18 years old. By 2034, more than 50 per cent of people in industrialised countries, it is fore-

vehicles.In the world of human biology, a male contraceptive injection, taken monthly, could arrive by 1999. Fat-destroying pills could hit the shelves in five years' time, says Marc Leventhal of the Ameri-can Board of Cosmetic Surgery. An animal, such as a sheep or pig, able to produce organs for human transplants could be a reality in 2005. An effective treatment for hair loss may be created through genetic therapy by 2006, says Douglas Dedo of the University of Miami Medical School. But a hangover drug that will calm a throbbing head and cleanse an alcohol-poisoned body is not forecast until 2020.

to Star Trek technology to scan a patient and make a diagnosis in seconds. Experts including Anthony Digioia of Carnegie Mellon University believe that something resembling Dr "Bones" McCoy's tricorder could be here by then.

A cure for mortality is further ahead. In California, 67 bodies and heads have been frozen or "cryogenically suspended. The paying guests of companies such as Alcor. Life Extension, who are surviving in liquid nitrogen, hoped that one day medical science will be able to revive them and cure them of their diseases or old age. The date for the "first cryonic reanimation" will be 2043, says Steve Bridge of Alcor. Ralph Merkle, director of Xerox Parc, believes it won't happen then, but may happen in 2050. in computers, Don Norman of Apple's advanced technology divi-sion expects that virtual reality helmets will be replaced by light weight spectacles by 2009, allowing users to wander in artificial worlds. The same year could bring the equivalent of Woody Allen's organization, the machine from his

film Sleeper, able to give synthetic sex on demand. A landing of humans on Mars could be the highlight of 2020, say writers and scientists at Nasa. Aliens may be contacted in 2025 Androids like C-3PO in Stars Wars

will not be a reality in 2047. On the

Transportation, said that comparties were unlikely to invest enough in research and develop-ment because of "unknown market demand". Other experts claim such packs will need an unexpected new

energy.
All the technologies needed to abolish the need for paper have already been invented, yet Don Norman, vice-president of advanced technology at Apple Computer, forecasts that mankind will always want paper, although society may be 80 per cent paperless in 2009.

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Orbiting solar power stations. which turn smilight into microwaves beamed to Earth, are unlikely because it will be cheaper to make solar power on Earth, Christopher Flavin, president of research at the World Watch Institute

Chemicals poisoning Arctic wildlife

By NICK NUITALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

TOXIC chemicals are endangering wildlife in the Arctic Circle, a study has found. Researchers fear that some

animals are so contaminated

that their reproductive systems are threatened. Animals are being made vulnerable to disease, such as cancer and disorders of the nervous system. Many chemicals, from pesticides to heavy metals, are banned or their use is restricted in Western industrialised

countries. But large quantities

dering the Arctic from industrial and military sites in the former Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

Other toxins being used legally or illegally in the developing world are being carried in the atmosphere from Asia and South America. Some are also being brought by migratory birds to the Arctic, where the pollution enters the food chain. In freezing conditions, chemicals break down far more slowly than in warmer phere and into the seas bor- the environment is at increas-

ing risk as oil and gas companies expand exploration into the Arctic Circle. The findings, from the Arc-

tic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, an Oslobased group of scientists from countries bordering the Arctic, and other interested nations including Britain, have been presented to the United Nations. The report urges action to reduce the threat to wildlife and says that the peoples of the Arctic should be advised case of the breed of peregrine falcon that lives in the North American Arctic, Falco peregrinus tundrius, 28 per cent of clutches have eggs with thin shells that are liable to break. killing the embryos. The damage is linked with the breakdown products of the pesticide DDT, which is banned in the

Female peregrines are also showing levels of polychlori-nated biphenois (PCBs), up to four times higher than in the 1980s. PCBs have a range of The report says that in the toxic effects in wildlife; they

are carcinogenic, damage the nervous system and can suppress the immune system. Levels of chlordane are also increasing in the birds' eggs. The researchers believe that a possible source of contamina-

tion is the migratory birds on

which the peregrines feed.
Other birds as well as seabirds, otters, whales, porpoises, walruses and species of fish are also showing serious contamination. Some of the most worrying findings are in polar bears, an animal at the top of the food chain.

Scientists tackle hibernation mystery of the basking shark

By Shirley English

A FRESH attempt to study the mysterious life of basking sharks, the world's largest hish after the whale shark, begins off the west coast of Scotland today.

Three marine scientists

hope to discover whether the creatures, which grow up to 30st long and weigh about four tonnes, hibernate on the ocean bed during winter. endangered the species has

ing. In Britain, the shark is protected only within a 12mile radius of the Isle of Man. The team from Dur-ham University will spend two months trying to attach satellite tags to the shark's dorsal fins. They will use a prod with a barb, or if this is too difficult, a spear gen. The tags will then track the crea-

tures whenever they rise to The project follows an un-sharks.

succession antempt tast year to ting basking sharks off Arran, in the Firth of Clyde. Little is known about bask-ing sharks, which 20 years ago were a common sight off Scotland between June and October. The £20,000 project is being funded by Scottish Natural Heritage and is being carried out in partnership with Durham University and the Scottish Wildlife

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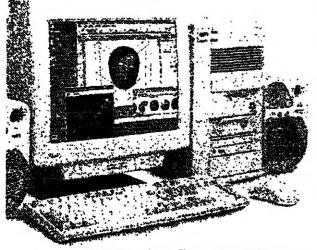
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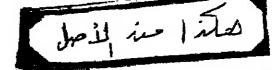
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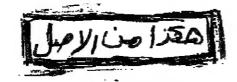
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Ministers study plan for public defenders

Critics say US-style scheme would mean a second-rate service for criminal defendants, which could lead to more being jailed, Frances Gibb reports

THE Government is considering an American-style public defender system with salaried lawyers to defend in criminal cases. At present the accused choose their own lawyer on

Geoff Hoon, who as Parliamentary Secretary is the ju-nior minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, said several being studied by a wide-ranging review of the El.h billion legal aid system.

The idea would be opposed by some in the legal profession, particularly the criminal Bar, who fear that it would lead to a second-rate service for defendants. However, government ministers, including Keith Vaz. parliamentary private secretary in the Attorney-General's Department, are believed to favour the idea.

scheme of the public defender system is already on the statute book in Scotland after a rough passage during the last parliamentary session and still opposition from the Law Society of Scotland.

In its comments to the Government last year, the Law Society of Scotland pointed to American research that found "a clear and present danger that innocent people are going to prison because public defenders are so overworked and have so few

resources that their cases cannot be thoroughly investigated and defended".

Mr Hoon, himself a barrister, said the Government would examine various types of systems overseas. There are different ways of operating a public defender system. from salaried lawyers to having lawyers in private practice out certain functions on behalf of certain classes of defendant rather than for flat fees. You could, for instance, have a public defender system in relation to juvenile justice, to deal with all young people in

Mr Hoon said, however, that there were many other ways of "delivering widespread legal advice at reason-



Amlot: said system would

salaried lawyers.

Robert Owen, QC. chairman of the Bar, said: 'If you look elsewhere, the public defender system attracts the very lowest common denominator." His opposition was echoed by Roy Amlot, QC. chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, who said: "Our main concern is that it would be a second-rate service and that it would be used by lawyers who could not get into a solicitor's office or into the

Defendants would not have a choice of lawyer and would simply be allocated the one in their area unless the present private system was retained as well. Mr Amlot said. He was also concerned about the independence of such lawyers, and the cost of setting up the teams that would be needed to cope with the workload in areas such as London.

Crown Prosecution Service."

Russell Wallman, head of policy at the Law Society, said the organisation would not oppose the idea of a salaried legal service in principle. "We have always thought it was perfectly sensible to try experiments with salaried case-work services running alongside the private sector, as in Quebec." But the society would oppose a monopoly system. "It should be an option, running parallel to what exists, not compul-

George Elliot, vice-secretary of the Law Society of Scotland. said that opposition to the original plans for a public defender system had succeeded in ensuring that there would have to be a three-year trial before such a system was introduced Mr Elliot said the cost

would be significant, including the cost of setting up the administration and support staff, and far greater than that estimated by the Government. He added that it was easier to see the advantages of such a system for civil cases because of the enormous importance [in criminal work] of the perceived independence of a defendant's lawyer".

Proposals for the public defender system are being looked at alongside ways of setting up Labour's community legal service, which was a manifesto commitment.

The Government is determined to curb legal-aid costs and to ensure that legal services are delivered more efficiently. Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the Lord Chancellor, has appointed Sir Peter Middleton, a former senior Treasury official, to look at the financial benefits of the reforms to the civil courts proposed by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls.

The legal aid review will



part of the American criminal justice system In the television series Hill Street Blues, Veronica Hamel played the public defender Joyce Davenport, pictured with her policeman lover Frank Furillo, played by

Daniel J. Travanti. Miss Davenport rejects highly-paid private practice to represent the poorest Americans. In reality, public defenders are among the lowest paid of the legal profession and are often regarded as second-rate lawyers.

Computer sentry to check cars crossing Channel

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

EVERY driver using the Channel Tunnel and the Dover ferries is to be checked by new police computer systems watching for terrorists and drug smugglers and other criminal suspects.

The systems are linked to cameras, and are designed to read a vehicle registration plate, check it against national London and alert a control room within four seconds. Eventually the system, known as Automatic Number Plate Recognition, could be introduced in every ferry port.

One covert system is already in use at the tunnel, with cameras at the Folkestone entrance and at Calais. The control centre is within a security base at the UK terminal. The system was introduced three months ago by Kent police, financed partly by six car hire companies concerned that car thieves could drive on to the Shuttle and into France within an hour of renting a vehicle.

Last month 195,600 cars, coaches and lorries went through the tunnel. All were filmed on closed circuit television and checked against computer files on the Police National Computer in Hendon, north London. The files include details of stolen cars, cars linked to suspects wanted by police, and other suspects whose movements detectives want to check.

Yesterday Kent police said the results of the system were encouraging: "Early indica-tions are that it is very

The first force to use the system extensively was City of London Police, which introduced it in the spring as part of its "ring of steel" designed to prevent IRA attacks. In its first four months it led to 90 arrests, including defendants who jumped bail and the drivers of stolen cars. Dorset and Sussex police also have versions of the system.

Hundreds of accident victims dying for lack of expert care

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CURRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of people are dying for lack of expert hospital treatment after accidents, according to the British Orthopaedic Association. It says there are 770 deaths a year, and thousands are left disabled when they could have become fit again if treated by those with expertise in trauma care. In some places 70 per

prevented, the association's report says: the rate nationally is about 20 per cent. Twelve per cent of those treated for serious injury suffer long-term disability because of inappropriate treatment.

The findings are based on a study of post-mortem reports following accidents. The association concludes that the severity of the injuries in many cases was not such

cent of deaths in accidents could be that the patient would inevitably have died had prompt expert treatment been given. "These figures are based on the

Government's statistics," Tom Duckworth, president of the association, said. The problem, according to the report, is that the hospitals that handle most accidents are too small to be able to have a full team of experts on hand to cope with the most serious injuries. The average

district general hospital serves a population of 240,000 and is likely to have to cope with only four or five severe accidents a year, so it is unlikely to have consultants such as

neurosurgeons on 24-hour call. As a recent survey reported by the British Medical Journal showed, many operations in accident and emergency units are carried out by surgeons who have never per-formed the procedure before. What

comprising a full team of consul-tants on call all the time to cope with the really serious injuries." Professor Duckworth said.

About 30 such systems would be created to cover the entire country. each serving roughly two million people. The ambulance team would have the expertise to identify those patients needing highly specialised

hospital where the full trauma team would be on call.

A report in The Lancer by the Lon-don School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has found that more than 2,000 deaths a year could be caused by intensive care being denied. The study was based on comparing the mortality rate among those refused admission for lack of facilities with that of patients allocated

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A photograph taken by the Mars Pathfinder craft, beamed back to Nasa's jubilant scientists, shows two big hills in the background, part of the lander's airbags in the foreground and, in between, a desolate, boulder-studded plain

Mars rover goes roll-about

Nigel Hawkes reports on Sojourner's very short but busy life

THE first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars was prerocks and soil and send back its own pictures of the Mar-

Mission controllers left the rover, called Sojourner, park-ed overnight a vehicle's length away from the Mars Pathfind er spacecraft which took it to Mars. They were jubilized when, after a day of uncertainty, Sojourner slowly descended a ramp and left its first tracks in the Martian dust at about 7am BST yesterday.

... Under ... salmon-coloured skies. Solowner took four minutes to descend the ramp and reached the ground just disappeared below the Mars. horizon, cutting off contact. Communications were due to

resume last night.

The first pictures of the rover on Mars showed it rolling away from the edge of the ramp, leaving clear tracks in the dusty red soil. "We just



rover team member said. which made a nearly flawless There were cheers in the control room of Nasa's Jet Propulsion-Laboratory at Pasadena, -by the lander have not told California, as photographs of the rover on the ramp and on the ground flashed onto com-

When work resumed last night; Sojourner — named after a Black reformist from the Civil War era, Sojourner Truth, who travelled the land advocating reform and women's rights - was expected to have taken its first sample of Martian soil. It should also be back towards the lander,

touchdown on Friday evening.

The first images produced sts much in ata not aiready know. They look very similar to the pictures taken

by the Viking spacecraft that landed in 1976 in another part of Mars. Dr Monica Grady, of the Natural History Museum, said that her first impressions of the rocks were that some showed evidence of having been polished slightly by the wind, but that none appeared waterworn. Mars Pathfinder landed in what is believed to be an ancient floodplain.

"There is a good variety of rocks of different shapes and sizes," Dr Grady said. "Some are very interesting shapes. Unce the rover we should be able to tell a great deal from physical apthat can analyse the Martian rocks' composition.

The ability of Sojourner to move means that it will be possible to identify an interesting rock by size and colour, then approach it and measure its composition. The character of the Martian dust will be measured by the machine,

to magnets on the lander.

Overnight, Daniel Goldin. the Nasa administrator, had announced that the lander was to be renamed in honour scientist much involved with Nasa's planetary missions. He died on December 20 last year, 16 days after Mars Pathlinder was launched.

So far, the camera has

revealed a boulder-studded

plain and impressive hills on

the horizon. Although it appears flat, Dr Matthew Gol-

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ombek, a project scientist, said that the landscape around

Pathfinder is hillier than that

The pictures of the Ares Vallis plain show a desolate

reddish-brown landscape dot-ted with greyish rocks and a

hill rising stark and barren in

the background. The Path-

finder's camera also spotted

the rim of a crater one to two

Earlier, mission controllers

had resolved two potential problems, clearing away a partly deflated airbag that had

been used to cushion Pathfind-

er's descent and re-establish-

ing contact with Sojourner

after contact was lost on

Saturday night. Engineers do

not know why contact was

lost, but automatic resetting of

Sojourner's modern overnight

appeared to have solved what-

of only about 30 Martian days,

with the first week critical for

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weekend. It is due to dock with

Mir today, bringing more than two tonnes of food, water,

fuel and cables and other

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the space station damaged in a collision with a cargo ship last

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Sojourner has a planned life

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Woman's drive brings results

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE demonstrative woman jumping up and down, yelling with excitement and getting misty-eyed over the latest success at Mars mis-sion control, is Donna Shirley, manager of the project. In addition to her gleeful

outburst, she also let her irritation show when there was no communication with mained stuck on top of a solar panel, blocking the sun and draining the lander's power. "It's a lazy burn and not working," she said

"The great galactic ghoul had to get us somewhere and apparently it decided to pick on the rover." She knows all about the rover.



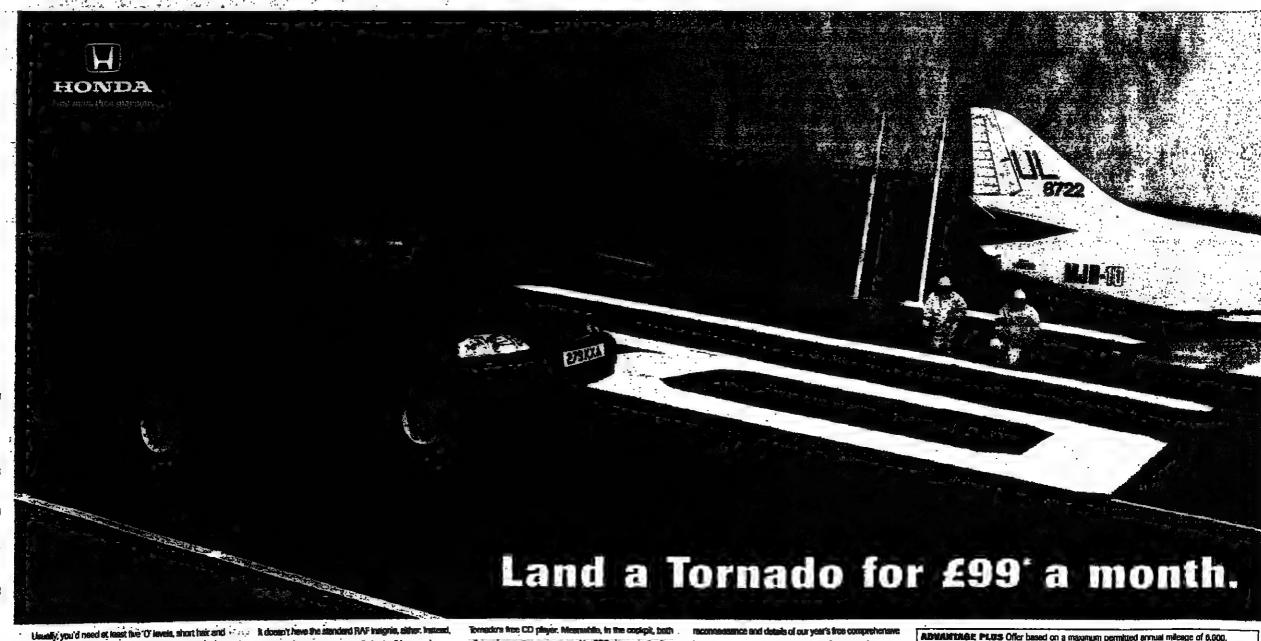
Shirley: manages the team that built rover

managed the team of engineers who built it.

Then she was promoted to her present job as manager of the Mars Exploration Programme Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. That means she will landers sent to Mars at the rate of two every two years until 2005. By then, Nasa hopes to have a lander that can take off from the surface of the red planet, bringing the first cargo of Martian

Ms Shirley, divorced with one daughter, is in effect second in command, reporting to the programme direc-tor. She holds a master's degree in aerospace engineering and brings more than 30 years' experience to her task, including 24 years managing space projects.
With her outgoing person-

ality, she is a popular figure at the JPL, where she is regarded as a pioneer among a small group of women who rose through the Nasa ranks to become technical managers. Prodded by her success, Nasa and the JPL are making determined efforts to bring more women into management early on.



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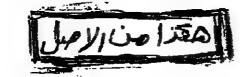
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Ministers' skill in lateral thinking keeps lid on youth unemployment

he last time I wrote about Denis Mac-Shane was in the 1980s, in martial-law Poland. He was caught up in an illegal Solidarity demonstration, lifted his hand in a V-for-victory salute and, conspicuous in his Garibaldi red shirt. was arrested by the numskulled Zomo riot police.

The world has moved on. Communism collapsed. Zomo men run pet shops and Mr MacShane changed the colour of his shirt. He is now an MP for Rotherham and a Blair evangelist. Today. however, he will again he flaunting that V-for-victory sign -this time in Dresden on behalf of the government



BY ROGER BOYES

ment. New Labour, as they say, flexible labour. It seems unlikely that Mr MacShane will be arrested today even if. us he admits in his speech, he tends to massacre the German language. But the Germans, though politely listen-ing to Anglo-Saxon visitors, above government predicare suffering from advice fatigue. Summits nowadays seem to end up, or begin, with ringing counsel to follow the American or British model. Although the Germans are in a mess, they are quite capable of improvising solutions and may even have a few things to

The Germans know something is wrong. June unemployment figures, due out this week, will not alter the gener-ally glum picture. Helmut Kohl's hope that the number of jobless would dip, briefly at least below the 4 million mark seems unlikely to be realised. Average unemployabove government predictions. The German Institute for Economics (IFO) reckons next year it will be worse an average of 4.6 million. That means one in eight of Germans is out of a job.

Germany, in other words, will have problems keeping down its public-sector deficit for years to come. The IPO calculates Germany will need at least 2.3 per cent growth to make any dent on unemployment; Bonn will be lucky to achieve that.

erman reformers blame this Misere on high labour costs. The Government, debilitated by crisis, is trying to cut them,

but the process is tortuous. Germany's fabled social consensus works only with difficulty in times of quasistagnation and muddled leadership; to many reform has become a threat.

Yet all is not lost. Germany has its strengths and knows how to play on them. Its apprenticeship and vocational training schemes have kept youth unemployment down well below British levels. One morning last week I

followed Wolfgang Clement, Economics Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, around the Ruhr. Three months before the new apprenticeship year, his region still needs to place 18.000 young people. So he is busing around 70 com-

refuses to leave until he has a commitment to create a new opening. Sometimes the apprenticeship is funded by other profitable companies which transfer DM10,000 (E3,400) to poorer concerns enabling them to hire a teenager. On one day he persuaded WestLB Bank to offer 20 training places, the LTU charter airline six, Met-

mund electricity works 67. This is leadership: 300,000. youths are looking for apprenticeships and there are only 135,000 vacancies. Each regional government is, like Herr Clement, thinking laterally to bring down youth unemployment and keep up

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workers who make an exportdriven economy function.

n Berlin employment promotion companies have been set up paying lower than average wages to the long-term uncanployed for full-time jobs. Germany is in many ways a frozen society. But its institutions are capable of learning. Education ministries are altering curriculums to make pupils more employable. They are starting to talk to industry. They have not quite. made the next step, to give vocation schools more automony, but it will come.

Unions, too, are increasing-

ly ready to surrender a day of

ticeships. None of this will send unemployment tumbling down immediately, but one senses movement at the grassroots. The real problem strikes me as moral, rather than economic. Too much of the labour market is being driven underground. A mechanic earns DM32.91 an hour legally, with take-home of DM11.61. The black rate is DM25 an hour. Similar calculations apply to waitresses. hairdressers, gardeners and craftsmen. A feeling that the state has to be cheated to survive is more destructive in the long term than mass unemployment which, with energy and imagination, can

Troops in 'rape and torture' film outrage Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Defence Minispublicity work and political ter. Volker Rühe, promised yesterday to hunt down and punish severely soldiers who acted out rape, torture and morder scenes in a privately made video that has shocked the country by evoking memories of wartime atrocities.

also be called to book for what Herr Rühe described as the "unbelievable behaviour of the recruits".

The tape, which will be shown today on the SAT-I television channel, has dealt a hefty blow to the image of the German Army, which has been cautiously moving towards Balkans peacekeeping and potential combat missions. For some five decades, Bonn resisted international pressure to send troops into any kind of battle, saying that still-fresh memories of the Second World War would complicate Nato missions. Herr Rühe managed to persuade German society that the army need not be so inhibited: had proved itself a democratic force. The tapes leaked over the

weekend have undone the

lohbying of the past few years. One scene shows two men. back to back, chained to each other. A voice calls out: "Mouths open". A third man appears with a pistol and, apparently, he shoots through one man's mouth into the back of the skull of the second man. The shot is clearly heard. Both fall down as if dead.

In another scene, a woman – in fact a disguised soldier – drags a large wooden cross through a forest. The commentary says: "Poor old woman, she can hardly walk

US 'has plan to hold Karadzic'

Los Angeles: US Special Forces and the CIA have a secret plan to capture Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president. the Los Angeles Times said. It added that the plan was a response to radzic was a serious threat Yugoslavia. (Reuter)

and must carry her cross." guns are following her. The next scene shows her crucified.

Another enactment shows a soldier, with Bundeswehr marked on his back, raping a man dressed as a woman. Outside the tent a queue of soldiers wait their turn, munching their rations. "The queue is long," the voice-over says. "All soldiers want to mount a woman. While they wait, the boys enjoy a meal. There are many similar scenes: the murder of a man chained to a tree, the slashing of a civilian's throat, the

bludgeoning of a civilian. Officers said yesterday that although the soldiers wore skimasks in most of the film, they would be identified and traced within the next few days. The date and time of the incidents were registered on the tape, which was made in the spring of last year. The tape has been copied many times and seen by soldiers in their barracks. Apparently, by selling a copy to SAT-1. The film was shot during

the lunchbreak of training ses-



sions held in Hammelburg Infantry School near Würzburg in southern Germany. soldiers - between six and ten of them, says the Defence Ministry Combat Battalion which waspreparing for action with the Nato-led Stabilisation Force in

Bosnia. As part of training. soldiers are taught how to deal with threatening situations or incidents in which militiamen are treating civilians brutally. But some of the soldiers, who their military service, apparently got carried away. "It is essential and impor-

tant that our soldiers are realistically prepared before the start of their mission for the situation in the country hit by a civil war," Herr Rühe sald. "But the limit of law and be, obeyed. It must not be tolcivilians during their training possibly legal action."

allow their fantasies to get out of hand."

The army is determined to prosecute the men, even though probably they are no longer soldiers. The minister said: The participants and their superior can count on erated that soldiers posing as most severe consequences and

Séguin takes over as Gaullist leader

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PHILIPPE SEGUIN, the former French parliamentary Speaker and Euro-sceptic, was elected leader of the Gaullist party yesterday, five weeks after the centre-right coalition was toppled in a crippling electoral defeat.

In a show of solidarity concealing deep divisions within the Gaullist movement. M Séguin, 54, took over lead-ership of the Rally for the Republic party from Alain Juppe, the former Prime Minister and his sworn enemy. At a special party congress in Vincennes yesterday, M Séguin won 79 per cent of the votes, easily beating five rivals who had been regarded as no-

President Chirac, founder of the RPR, sent a message expressing his "confidence in Philippe Seguin to take the movement along the road to renewal". With the party now solidly behind him, M Seguin must be a strong candidate for

the presidency in 2002.

M. Juppé was M. Chirac's most loyal follower, but relations between M Seguin and the President are likely to be tense not least because the already discreetly manoeuwring to launch his own presi-

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Berisha defiant as polling resumes

FROM TOM WALKER IN THIANA

ALBANIANS yesterday went to the polls for a second time in a week to try to decide 32 "run-off" seats which had no clear winners in the general election. Far-flung constituencies also began voting for the first time, and there is a chance of a third round. By the time the Central Election strong Multinational Protection Force will have begun its pullout and the international community will be past

The confusion plays into the hands of President Berisha, who has still given no clear indication of when he might resign. Sources within the Organisation for

Commission declares a final result, there Security and Co-operation in Europe, the is a distinct possibility that the 6,000-election advisers and monitors, said he had been telephoned by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State. and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, urging him to push for a result. There is little evidence that Mr Berisha will comply. On Saturday he told the Council of Europe he could not accept the results in rebel-held towns.

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Chorus of catcalls for modern **Tosca**

FROM RICHARD OWEN

A MODERN-DRESS production of Puccini's Tosca was all but booed off the stage at La Scala in Milan at the weekend. Some critics said the row showed that the statefunded opera house still has energy and vitality. Others said the production was a fiasco which highlighted La Scala's crisis.

The magnificent but crum-bling 18th-century theatre is due to be renovated soon because it fails to meet safety standards. But Corriere della Sera, which is published in Milan, said it was increasingly unlikely that La Scala would be restored in time for the centenary of the death of Verdi, the other great compos-er associated with the opera house, in January 2001.

In the meantime, its artistic standards Were uneven and financial and organisational chaos were creating uncertainty over the theatre's future, Milan critics said.

posed to mark the triumphant decision by Semyon Bychkov. Ronconi, the director, to emphasise the "erotic and anti-clerical aspects" of Tosca and to transpose the setting to the early 20th century, aroused the ire of some opera-goers and resulted in loud and persistent booing and cries of "You ought to be ishamed of yourselves".



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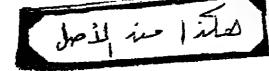
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BY JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIE CORRESPONDENT

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A DISPLAY of sustained brilliance yesterday swept Pete Sampras, the No I seed, to his fourth Wimbledon men's sin-gles title in five years, in the process aligning him to eclipse the all-time record of grand-slam tournament victories held by Roy Emerson.

A ruthless Sampras disposed of the unseeded Cedric Pioline, from France, in straight sets with a barrage of winners from all areas of the court. At one stage, another mighty serve, which richoched backwards off the Pioline racket, had the Duchess of Kent reaching forward from her seat in the royal box as though on slip daty at Gld. Trafford, Sampras prevailed 64 6.4 6.4 in another disease. 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in another disappointingly one-sided final for the 13,800 spectators present

The victory propelled Sampras, 25, jan a sharp of



fourth place in the history of Wimbledon winners. His tour titles leave him one adrift of Bjorn Borg and Laurie Doherty, and three short of William Renshaw's best, recorded in the last century.

Sampras, winning his tenth grand-slam event, now trails Emerson's hauf by two in advance of the US Open — a title that Sampras will be defending - in New York next month. It was his second. grand-slam title of the year after his victory at the Australian Open in January. Unlike Rod Laver, another with ten grand-slam victories to his name, Sampras has never won the French Open.

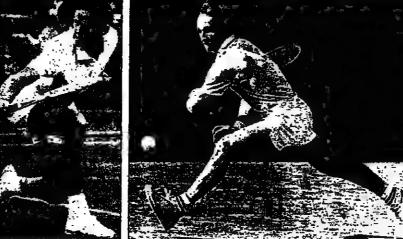
Pioline could never get intothe match. He conjured only two break points against the Sampras serve, but could not take them. Sampras only lost two service games in the entire tournament; only - injury stands between him and Emerson's record. "If I can stay well and healthy, I think I can do it," he said. "You can't have a more flattering comparison than to be in the same sentence with one of the greats of all time in Laver. That makes it all the more important to

Sampras came through via a crushing display of authority. On break point in the third game of the opening set.

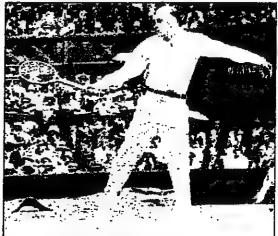


Sampras advanced on Pioline's first service and disowing everything to exceptional timing rather than brute strength. In the fourth game, Sampras aligned to cover an overhead smash before suddenly withdrawing his racket, the ball dropping inches be-yond his baseline in a display of impeccible judgment.

In the eighth game, Sampras gracefully rose to dispatch a high backhand voiley like a salmon from a stream and, in the sixth game of the second set, Sampras consolidated a break with his ninth, tenth and eleventh aces, quence by getting his racket to another unreturnable service.

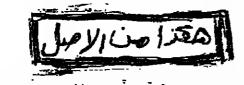






Sampras, top, can become tennis's most titled champion, a tenth major victory moving him nearer the totals of, from left, Emerson (12), Laver (11), Borg (11) and Bill Tilden (10)





Gower's top team make Test match special

Perhaps we should call it and the camera stays agon isingly still as the ball spins vision replays. When you do not need one, the director will have a choice of six and, these days, will probably show us all of them; when. however, you really, need a replay, to settle a potentially match-swinging decision. Blewett's law dictates that the director will not be able to lay his hands on a single conclusive bit of slow motion.

So it was on Saturday, when only one, decidedly inconclusive, replay was available of Greg Blewett's dismissal. What happened to the replays from the square on, oblique angle and stump cameras that are available for most dismissals, goodness knows, Instead, we saw the same footage over and over again.

Croft bowls, Blewett nicks

isingly still as the ball spins out of shot. By the time that the camera catches up with it, all of a split second later, the ball is clearly bouncing into Hussain's hand. The only question that this head-on replay did not resolve was whether the ball bounced on the ground, as commonsense suggests, or on the extended finger of Hussain's outstretched hand, as the evercharitable Tony Lewis postulated? "We'll be talking about that one for ever," David Gower said yesterday, as he ran through the Austra-

post-prandial declaration. Now, I have nothing against unresolved talking points they are an integral part of sport — but I would like a bit of reassurance that there is

GOLF

lia card after Mark Taylor's

TV ACTION REPLAY some sound technical explanation for this strange lack of alternative angles. After all, there were three splendid replays yesterday afternoon,

talking Ian Chappell quickly admitted) and when Warne bowled Stewart. Apart from an electronic glitch, the only other explanation is that the BBC feels that it cannot show replays that con-

firm that an umpire has made

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a mistake. If its excellent commentary team can politely suggest that a mistake has been made, as Gower and Geoffrey Boycott also did after Hussain's dismissal yesterday, the director should be at liberty to show it.

MATTHEW BOND

Such quibbles apart, the BBC has had an excellent third Ashes Test, helped by results from Wimbledon that swung public attention to Old Trafford at the right time, and by some creative scheduling that had ensured impressively

Throughout the series, there have been quiet little reminders of the top cricketing quality assembled in the BBC commentary box.

Whenever Atherton scores a

few runs, up pops the table of England's leading run-makers, with Gower and Boycott in second and third place respectively. That table was not much needed in this game, but the corresponding list of Australia's leading wicket-tak-

On Friday afternoon, the ever-enjoyable Richie Benaud noted that his third position was under immediate threat from Warne, "And there'll be some loud applause from this direction when he does. because he is simply the best young leg-spin bowler I have seen in some time," Benaud time, there duly was. Why the BBC's television team has the edge over their

colleagues at Test Match Special and their rivals at Sky is that these cricketing qualities of yore are now matched by commentary skills. If Benaud, who memorably spent Saturday morning com-

paring the footmarks on the pitch to those left by Fred Trueman in 1961, ever hangs up his microphone, the increasingly accomplished Gower is his natural successor. Boycott is that television rarity a professional contrarian who remains good company. With the diplomatic Lewis and irreverent Chappell batting at four and five, the BBC's television commentary team remains one of the summer's

ITV strikes deal on

RUGBY UNION

coverage of rugby

By DAVID HANDS RUGDY CORRESPONDENT

FIVE days before its annual meeting, which could result in a shift of power within the English game depending on the vote for chairman of the board of management, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was able to confirm yesterday that internationals at Twickenham will be shown on terrestrial television for the next five years.

Since last year, when the

RFU went out on a limb from its colleagues in the five nations and agreed television rights with BSkyB (the satelrights with BSRyb (the saled-lite television company part-owned by News Inter-national, owner of The Times), it has been anxiously waiting for Sky to announce the terrestrial partner that their contract required. That will be ITV, who have a sublicensing deal to run concur-rently with Sky's £87.5 million

Viewers wil be able to watch England's home inter-nationals, either as live or in an extended highlights pro-gramme. Trans mission is ikely to start at 4.30pm, with ITV reserving the right to edit out breaks in play, though they will show every piece of

agreement starting in the new

Moreover, the involvem of ITV means that rugby will be shown on three channels— Sky, ITV and BBC, who have an agreement with the other home unions allowing them to show those internationals played at Cardiff, Murray-field and Lansdowne Road, Itallows wide coverage and will prove a significant boost to the marketing departments of the unions in their search for

sponsorship Kick-off times for three of England's five nations' championship matches next season have yet to be confirmed, but the likelihood is for a 20 or 2.15 start, giving ITV time to prepare its programming to follow on directly from the day's other scheduled inter-

Thus, for example, Scotland kick off against France at 3.0 on February 21 under BBC transmission and, directly that is over, ITV would be ready to show England's game with Wales in full or edited form (which satellite viewers would already have

The new deal will provide continuity for ITV up to and beyond the 1999 World Cup. to which it has rights. The RFU will be equally pleased since it stands accused of misleading member clubs over the Sky agreement at the annual meeting last year.

Merson ready to leave

Arsenal

FOOTBALL

PAUL MERSON is expected to complete the most surprising transfer of the summer today when he joins Middlesbrough from Arsenal for £4.5 million. Although surprised at the speed of the move and disappointed that Arsenal were prepared to release him, Merson is ready to replace Juninho at the Riverside Stadium and spearhead Middlesbrough's attempt to make a quick return to the FA Carling

Premiership.
Merson, 29, who has been at Highbury since he was a 14year-old schoolboy, has been offered a five-year contract. Juninho, the Brazil midfield player, is expected to complete his E12 million move to Atletico Madrid today and Middlesbrough can expect another big fee when the departure of Fabricio Ravanelli is completed. However, Merson is disap-

pointed that Arsenal are prepared to sell him after one of his best seasons at Highbury. "I thought I would end my career at Arsenal," he said. "When they said I could leave, I felt terrible."

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, apparently feels that he can afford to lose Merson after making several summer signings. "My 15 years with Arsenal was over in 15 minutes." Merson said. "I felt terrible. They didn't make

any effort to keep me.

"I've got ability and I think
Middlesbrough fans will know they've got a good buy. I've played for England and know what it takes to succeed and I'm confident I can get Boro up."

Dennis Bergkamp has cushioned the blow for Arsenal supporters by signing an extension to his contract.

Derby County are the latest club to make an attempt to sign Roberto Baggio, the Italy striker, according to reports in Italy. An Italian newspaper said that Derby were prepared to pay AC Milan around El0 million for Baggio.

Derby signed Stefano Eranio, the Italy midfield player, from Milan in May. However, Baggio, who has already rejected overtures from Aston Villa, is thought to favour a move to Barcelona, who are seeking a high-profile replacement for Ronaldo, the Brazil striker, who has been sold to Internazionale.

Australia took a significant step nearer to qualifying for the World Cup finals by beating New Zealand 20 in Sydney. Australia, who have. now won II out of II games since Terry Venables became coach, will now play the fourth-placed team from the Asia group in a final quality-

ing match.

Montgomerie calls shots in record romp to victory FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN DUBLIN COLIN MONTGOMERIE playful cub. He was 15 under only 28 — and it is evident how par at the finish. Montgomerie's nine under par. It was always likely that Westwood would find it hard moved to a new level lately. It started at the Andersen Con-

bestirred himself in quite spectacular fashion yesterday to put down Lee Westwood, the young pretender, and win the Murphy's Irish Open with a consummate display of strokemaking that underlined why he has been Europe's leading player these past four seasons. In this form. Montgomerie is irresistible, at least in Europe. His final round, a 62, set a course record and a victory margin of seven strokes was the least that he deserved.

It was Montgomerie's sec-ond victory in the past three European events in which he has competed. Early in June, he won the Compaq European Grand Prix at Slaley Hall by five strokes and one week later he came second in the US Open. What he would give to maintain this form for another two weeks, until the conclusion of the Open Championship at Royal Troon, is anybody's guess.

Montgomerie was on his mettle from the start of play on an overcast, humid afternoon at Druids Glen. From the moment that he birdied the first hole, it was clear that he was intent upon impressing on Westwood - at 24, ten years his junior - who was boss. The way that Montgonerie ate into Westwood's threestroke overnight lead and then surged past the promising young man resembled nothing so much as a rather sleepy lion reaching out to cuff a sulting event in mid-May. Under the keen eye of Denis Pugh, his coach, he has found an extra 20 yards by better striking. On the outward half, for example, he was consistently a few yards longer than Westwood. It is hard to imag-ine that his irons to the 5th, 8th and 9th greens could

FINAL SCORES

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have been bettered and all three were followed by single

Equally, the nerve and accuracy he demonstrated in fading his drive on the 7th so that it cleared the second bunker and then bounded on towards the green, demonstrated confidence and skill of the highest order. Ally this play to good putting - he took Montgomerie went round in

to cope with the rumbustious Irish crowds and the pressure of having six past and present Ryder Cup players within four groups of him. He is young. after all. Having taken three putts at the 1st. he must have felt as though he was in the eye of a storm as he watched Montgomerie play so beautifully alongside him.

A 72, one over par, was not a sad collapse and, as well as his eight-under-par total of 276 making sure of second place here, it made sure of his position in the Europe Ryder Cup team in September. "All credit to Lee." Montgomerie said. "He will be an asset in

Montgomerie has always had rabbit ears - listening for crowd noises and looking for distractions and, as he walked on to the 8th tee yesterday, he stopped and pointed. "There's a marshal with a camera," he said, loudly. "That's unbelievable. There's a board saying no cameras and you've got

It is too much to expect him not to observe such things. Perhaps the best that can be done is to hope that such distractions will no longer light the blue touchpaper of his temper so that in no time he is florid-faced with steam coming out of his ears.



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Europe overshadowed a 69 by

Ian Woosnam, a 68 by Nick

Faldo, which took him to six

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Indeed, perhaps he is mance in taming one of the approaching this calmer state. esterday he was sufficiently relaxed on his walk to the 10th tee to come over to a journalist and recount the incident two holes earlier. "We've just had a belter," he said, grinning. "A marshal with a camera." He shook his head and walked

Montgomerie's perfor-

well as a bizarre incident that befell Fanny Sunesson. Faldo's caddie. She walked into an advertising board between the 3rd green and the

makes the game look easy. "I am savouring this win," he said. "Since Portugal in 1989 [when he won by II strokes] this is the best four rounds I have put together in Europe."

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was the other players who

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On days such as this he

RUGBY LEAGUE

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LOMBARD TROPHY UPDATE

Now in its third year, it's already the biggest and best Pro-Am golfing event in Europe. In 1997 over 100,000 club golfers from 1,100

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after finishing second in the Club eight-under-par 63.

groundsman, Peter Solski, was on | Pros Final at the same venue | Report compiled by the PGA Press Office

By a CORRESPONDENT

TWO events, which took place hundreds of miles apart over the weekend, have given Super League a much-needed boost. The first was the stunning win by London Broncus over Wigan at the Stoop and the second was the clinching of the first division championship by Hull Sharks at Huddersfield.

Establishing a successful side in the capital has long been the Holy Grail as far as the rugby league authorities have been concerned, because they felt that such a team would help to dismiss the perception that league is essentially a northern sport. For 17 years, since the establishment of Fulham, rugby league

IRISH REGIONAL FINAL

Dublin-based diamond setter,

amateur Leo Russell put in a

five nett birdies. His professional i

partner, John Dignam, did

likewise as the pair won by four

shots with a ten-under-par score

of 63 on the sparkling fairways

WELSH BORDERS

REGIONAL FINAL

Former Manchester United

Valley, in the Grand Final.

in London has had

chequered career. However, in their present guise, the Broncos have made huge strides over the past two seasons, repaying the faith shown in them by the Rugby Football League (RFL) in finishing fourth in the inaugural season of Super League. They have shown, by some

gritty performances this season, that last year was not just a flash in the pan. The win over Wigan on Friday not only put them into second place, the highest showing of any London league side, but also it showed that they are a match for anyone, certainly at home.

Having established their credentials on the field, they now have to do the business

pairings gain an expenses paid trip to the Grand Final in the Algarve on 3-7 October.

birthday after scoring a

one-shot victory with

Solski, now the golf

course manager at

competing dub Shrigley

Hall, contributed to a

five-under 67 in driving

and personal customers - many of whom compete in the Trophy.

gern-like performance to notch pro Simon Wakefield.

and greens of County Louth to rain to dinch a place in

book a place for their club, Slade | the Algarve.

pointing this season, but their latest success should give the marketing department all the ammunition that it needs to give the team the support that they deserve. The fact that there is a

successful rugby league side in London should also give Super League's marketing arm a great boost and instil in the sport confidence for further well-planned expansion. The success of Hull Sharks in gaining entry to Super

bing their hands. Hull is a big city with potentially huge support, and if Tim Wilby, the Sharks' chairman, who also owns Hull City Football Club.

target on his 47th LOMDAN REGIONAL SOUTHERN REGIONAL FINAL

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British Legion barman

Peter Skidmore and

Worldham Park pro,

Jon Le Roux, will now

be fighting for victory

on foreign fields after

winning at Sundridge

Park by a shot.

An incredible 40 foot putt at the

League will have the financial

controllers at many clubs rub-

rugby league will be part of a huge sporting club with the facilities and backing to make them a real force in the game. If rugby league is to have a future. it needs to have an elite competition made up of clubs from large catchment areas

such as these. The original concept Super League called for mergers, but this was met with howls of derision by the traditionalists.

Although the issue was not forced through, it could be back on the agenda again. This time, it will be the smaller clubs who will actively pursue mergers to avoid being left behind as Super League becomes a place for only the rich and powerful.

Tylney Park Professional Chris

DeBruin will be well prepared for

the Grand Final after winning the

BA Pro-Am at the San Lorenzo

course in February. 1 know the

course well and would love to make

Chas and partner John Hartle

linked up superbly at the Test

Valley course to triumph with an

eight-under-par 64 - beating the

Foxhills duo of pro Alasdair Good

and Ian Mitchell on a countback.

it a double!" said Chrs.

ATHLETICS

Black realistic over chances for Athens

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ROGER BLACK faced up yesterday to what he described as "the reality of 400 metres running in Britain". The reality is that Black's prospects of being picked to contest the individual event at the world championships in Athens next month look borderline, such is the strength of his British

The British trials for Athens begin on Friday with Black. Britain's most successful athlete at the Olympic Games last year, a doubtful starter. Although he won the 400 metres at the European Cup in Munich two weeks ago, he has not been happy with his form, which dipped dramatically at the British grand prix in Sheffield eight days ago, when he was seventh.

Finishing the fourth Briton, behind Iwan Thomas, Jamie Baulch and Mark Richardson, Black recorded 45.70sec, more than a second outside his British record. He is awaiting the result of blood tests, his greatest worry being that the virus that wiped out his 1993 season, and effectively cost him his European title in 1994, may have returned.

Black, who said that he had not trained since Sheffield, is planning a run-out on Wednesday to gauge whether he should attempt racing this weekend, but he said yesterday: "I do not think I will be at the trials. I have given notice to the selectors of what is going on with me."

However, Black recognised that the recent form shown by Thomas and Richardson would give them a stronger claim than his one, should either fail to fill one of the two

automatic qualifying places. If Black sits out the trial, his chances of claiming the third place would depend on Baulch finishing outside the first two.

"I can only hope that Iwan and Mark stay healthy, run the trials, and finish 1-2." Black said. "That is my only chance for an individual

Should he fail to secure an individual spot, a place would have to be held open for Black in the relay squad for as long as he needs until the Athens deadline. Black is, after all, due to make his debut as the Great Britain men's team captain in Athens and he won two Olympic silver medals in Atlanta, in the individual event and relay.

Sally Gunnell raised doubts over her participation in Athens after a heavy defeat in the 400 metres hurdles in Oslo on Friday: but she said at the weekend that she had made up her mind to go. Steve Backley, the European javelin champion, will also appear at the trials, having returned to training after suffering swollen glands which prompted him to pull out of Oslo and the grand prix here this evening. So. 100, will Bob Weir, who broke Bill Tancred's 23-yearold British discus record with 64.24 metres in California on

Thursday. If the weather holds, Stockholm could witness the meeting of the season so far - a special K night. World records are being attempted by Komen (5,000 metres) Kipketer (800 metres) and Kiptanui (steeplechase), and a British one by Kelly (Holmes) in the 800 metres.

Doohan closes in on world title

MICHAEL DOOHAN moved a step nearer to the 500cc world motorcycling championship yesterday by winning the Italian Grand Prix at Imola, his seventh victory in eight starts. Doohan, on a Honda, finished ahead of Nobuatsu Aoki and Takuma Aoki, from Japan.

Niall Mackenzie underlined his determination to keep his British superbike championship as he registered a brilliant double at Thruxton. Mackenzie, from Dunblane, knocked 0.7sec off the lap record in the first race, and recovered from a poor start in the next to win by a second from Terry Rymer.

Cup holders bow out

BOWIS: Lincolnshire, the holders, were eliminated from the Middleton Cup after a defeat-by Derbyshire on Saturday left them in third place in their qualifying group. Lancashire qualified for the quarter-finals by defeating Nottinghamshire and will now meet Hertfordshire.

Laird full of sparkle

POLO: Laird—a new team put together by Andrew Britten-Long. of the Beaufort Club—defeated Jean-Francois Decaux's Buffalos by 15 goals to 11 at Cowdray Park in the British Open championship for the Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup. Will Lucas and Luke Tominson stood out for Laird.

Regan signs for Bath

RUGBY UNION: Mark Regan, the British Isles and England hooker, confirmed yesterday that he will play for Bath next season after agreeing a five year contract. Regan. 25. follows Simon Shaw, a fellow Lion, out of Bristol, who avoided relegation last season in the play-offs.

Simpson inspires Scots

HOCKEY: Rhona Simpson scored a hat trick yesterday to lead Scotland to their biggest win for three years and the biggest victory of the season at Largs when they beat Wales 8-2 in the second of two internationals between the countries. Scotland won the first game, on Saturday, 4-3.

Double joy for Britain

CYCLING: The Great Britain pursuit team and Yvonne McGregor rode to victory in the world track cup meeting in Athens. The men descated Denmark in the final, while McGregor vanquished Antonella Belutti; of Italy, in the individual parsuit final, in 3min 34.70sec, a British record.

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Pioline outclassed by American

Sampras produces performance close to perfection

PETE SAMPRAS, his game seemingly blessed by celestial forces, produced an exhibition of grass-court tennis at Wimbledon yesterday to win the men's singles title for the fourth time in five years. He defeated Cedric Pioline, of France, with a cocktail of nearflawless play, his sublime talent more than redeeming a

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one-sided encounter. li was Pioline's grave misfortune to meet Sampras in this mood. No contemporary player - and precious few previous champions — could have extended the American, who now stands two grand-slam titles short of the ultimate accolade. Barring injuries, Sampras, 25, will surely eclipse the 12 accrued by Roy Emerson, of Australia.

"I have no lear in the game," Sampras said. "I feel like I'm tough to beat when I'm confident and playing well. It all clicks when you start playing. when you get to the heat of the moment." Pioline would certainly vouch for that. Sampras ing Pioline's service in the opening game before breaking through at 1-1, a spiteful backhand return relegating the Frenchman to the role of a helpless spectator. The tone

Sampras's progress against the benchmarks of history will now become more significant than his performance in individual tournaments. Typically, however, the American refused to entertain the prospect in advance. If don't like thinking of myself in terms of history. Lam doing quite well for my age, and I am still in the middle of my career. I still

when set against his dismissal of Pioline, for whom there would be no respite. When the Frenchman, threatening to re-deem the early break in the opening set, exquisitely lobbed his opponent to reach 30-30, Sampras responded like a wounded lion. He punished : Pioline with an ace to reach set realistic," Sampras said. "To

point and a winning first service to secure it 6-4. Pioline had taken just four points off the Sampras service thus far.

Worse was to follow. At 2-2 and 15-30 in the second set. Pioline neued a difficult volley before an identical error, this time off an easier ball, told of the pressure he faced. For good measure, Sampras broke again at 4-2 as Pioline's net-play, so secure against Michael Stich in the semi-final, collapsed under the assault. At the close of the second set, Sampras service had dipped



Only mildly did the third set differ in shape. After Sampras had seized the initiative to lead 3-1, Pioline conjured his first break point of the match when 4-3 in arrears. It arrived after 87 minutes' play; Sampras promptly negated it with an unreturnable second service, followed by an ace

When, eight minutes later, another winning service closed the match, Sampras smiled more in satisfaction than joy. His all-embracing dominance had swept him into joint fourth place in the pantheon of Wimbledon champions, alongside Laver, among others. More meaning-ful is his progress towards the record of grand-slam titles, as he acknowledged afterwards. "To have won ten makes me feel that 12 is now much more

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as a Laver who won ten is important to me. You can't have a more flattering com-

"As a player you want to break records and that's important to me. Now I am in a position to do that. As long as I stay healthy I'm going to keep on playing until there comes a day when I'm not in contennowhere near that day."

Pioline faced a significant handicap from the cutset. He lacked a match-winning shot and it told in the post-match analysis: the average speed of Sampras's second service all but matched the fastest Pioline delivered all afternoon. That helped to dictate a context overwhelmingly dominated by winning services than ral-lies of substance. In these circumstances, the brutal beauty within Sampras's game offered ample compen-

It was almost the stuff of fantasy. The champion lacked for nothing in as authoritative a performance the Centre Court has recently witnessed. If there have been easier victories, gamed in quicker time, it must be remembered that standards continue to rise. The dispersal of seeds in the draw's lower half offers ample evidence that nothing can be taken for granted in the contemporary game. Nothing, that is, except for

Sampras's undoubted brilliance. By his account, his serving was the best he had produced in his career. His returns were equally potent, his volleying skills had no equal and he has lost none of his speed around the court. Perhaps the best example of

his grip on the match came early in the third set, when Sampras, horror of horrors, served his first double fault. A ripple of disbelief swept through the crowd, which after more than a hour of the match, had just seen evidence



Sampras renews his acquaintance with the men's singles trophy after his near-flawless victory over Pioline. Photograph: Kevin Lumarque

History beckons extraordinary talent

t was not a great match.

And I really do not think
we are talking about a great player, either. Yester-day, Pete Sampras passed beyond mere greatness. He moved into that rarefied territory inhabited by the rarest of rare men. This was his fourth Wimbledon title, which moves him into double figures for grand-slam

There is no arguing with Sampras any more, not for a single second. There is no point in wondering how great he is. The only question worth asking is whether or not he is the greatest player that ever lifted a racket. The answer is quite possibly yes, but it is up answer, grand-slam event by grand-slam event, over the

next two or three years. There will be some people who see in this extraordinarily facile victory only the limitations of his hapless opponent, Cedric Pioline. True,



watches the men's final

Pioline: handicapped by the first name of Cedric and by the fact that his undercants were longer than his shorts. was never at the races. But that is not the point. There is not a player playing who could have lived with Sampras yesterday, or at any period him to five sets, but that served only to reveal Samp-ras's lust for battle. Subsequent rounds revealed only his talent and his lost for

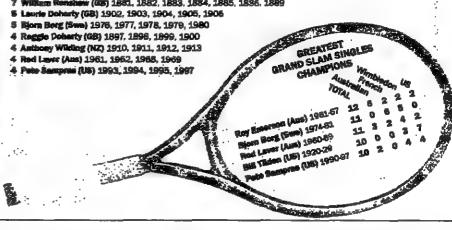
destruction. Let us concentrate on the part of the match that contained surprises. Sampras made an unforced error in the final game of the second set. but that was because he broke ingly, he served two double faults in the match, two more than in his semi-final against Todd Woodbridge.

The service was, as ever, his castle, an impregnable fortress from which he could make dashing sorties into his first service, it is the sheer nerve of his second that des troys opponent after opponent. Power, accuracy, above all, depth. What is dangerous safe and sober option.

Pioline managed four points against the service in the first set, three in the second. In the final set, Sampras went to pieces: he lost as many as ten points on his service and even had a break point to save. It mattered nothing. He only lost two service games in the included a run of 97 victorious service games. Some stat, that.

think, and hope, that with this win we can at last put to bed the notion of scarcely fallible either. We may not be able to relate to such extraordinary talent, such extraordinary strength of home with the thrilling fallibilities of Boris Becker, John McEaroe, Jimmy Connors. tions, not his. Sporting crowds may respond more generously to the romantic, but Sampras represents the classical tradition: hard, austere, and seeking ever a cold,

FINAL DETAILS SAMPRAS PIOLINE Fact services in Forchand winners Backhand winners Volley winners Passing winners



HOW SAMPRAS COMPARES WITH WIMBLEDON'S TITLED CHAMPIONS

the nerve, to ask Sampras if, in the future, he would loosen um on court show his emotions, seek a little more the love of the crowd. "It's worked so far," he said, meaning his method. And he made the inevitable comparison: "It's a

Bjorn Borg was a player of classical temperament in the guise of a romantic, a Round-head with a Cavalier's haircut. Sampras has no disguises, no frills, no nonsense. Sure, he felt a little nervous coming on to court, but then, as he said beguilingly, "my tennis just took over". Simple

Sampras is now 25 and the only real obstacle between

extraordinary and possibly unbeatable records is the spectre of boredom. That, and the unrelepting pressures and tensions of the sporting life. Borg retired when still at his best. McEnroe took a sab-

batical, also at the top, and sport that has the four annual neaks of the grand-slam tournaments. The little tournaments, the travel, the endless hitting and gym work, all the stuff that lies between them, hang heavier on a champion with every passing year. Only the grand-slam events

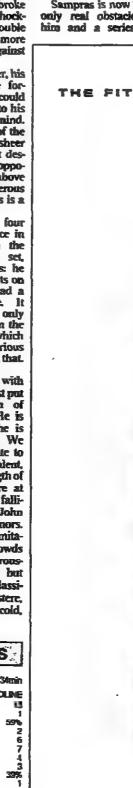
have the tabasco to titillate a champion's palate nothing else has any taste whatsoever. majors, and I hope it is what

will keep me in the game," he reason why I can't play at this level for many years."

He has no obvious rival. He encompasses no soap opera: we have only the increasingly lonely story of Sampras's search for perfection. Andre rival, but his winsome nature could not last the pace, despite his voluptuous gifts.

Becker retired from grandslam tennis this Wimbledon. and Sampras said that he would probably retire altogether when he was no longer a contender. Sampras is, for the moment on his own, though in another sense, he always has been. "I can get better." he said yesterday. "I

THE FITNESS FRAGRANCE BY RALPH LAUREN





SPURT IN BRIEF man closes in world title

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TENNIS

Woodies justify position among nominated No Is

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

SO. THE seeding committees do know a thing or two after all. The victory of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde in the men's doubles final, added to the earlier wins for Gigi Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva in the women's doubles and Martina Hingis in the women's singles - not forgetting that Sampras fellow - mean that four of the five main finals at Wimbledon this year were won by the Nu I seeds. Grant Connell and Lindsay Davenport, the No I seeds in mixed doubles, were eliminated by Cyril Suk and Helena Sukova in the semifinals yesterday afternoon.

Woodbridge and Wondforde, of Australia, were clear favourites to take their lifth straight Wimbledon championship yesterday, yet the Woodles had to recover a service break to force a first set tie-break against Jacco Eltingh and Paul Hoarhuis. the Dutch pair.

There were more surprises in store. In the second set tiebreak. Woodbridge doubleand then but Haarhuis's return into the net lead, which eventually became three set points at 3-6. All were saved, as was another at 6-7, before a Woodforde ace and a Woodbridge volley settled it. The third set appeared to be more straightforward, the

Woodies going an early break ahead, allowing Woodbridge to serve for the match at 5-3. At except that the three championship points were squandered, as was a later fourth, and Eltingh and Haarhuis recovered the break, eventually taking the set 7-5. Only one break was needed in the Woodbridge and Woodforde eventually winning 7-6. 7-6. 5-7. 6-3.

A Woodforde and Woodbridge victory, their ninth grand slam tournament doubles title and their 44th in all, puts them equal-third in the all-time list of doubles partnerships, behind Peter Fleming and John McEnroe and Bob Hewitt and Frew McMil-

In the women's doubles, Fernandez, of the United States, and Zvereva, of Belarus, the reigning French

The Bollegraf service was proving unreliable and, if a service was to be broken in the second set, it was surely going to be hers. So it proved as Fernandez and Zvereva took a decisive 4-3 lead, despite an unanswerable corner-to-corner lob by Bollegraf to win a break-back point. It was left to Fernandez to serve out for the At the end, all four players

added the Wimbledon title

No 6 seeds. Theirs is a long-standing partnership, which

broke up last year, but has

"Last year, we stopped play-ing together, then started

again," Fernandez said. "After

not playing together for a

while, we didn't have any

expectations. To win the

French and then this one is

The first final on the new

Arendt's service was

No I Court threatened to run

away from the underdogs

broken in the fourth game of

the match, but Arendt and

Bollegraf, who eliminated

Hingis and Arantxa Sanchez

Vicario on Friday, were in no

mood to give in and broke

back on the Zvereva service.

Zvereva also lost her two

points in the tie-break, but the

favourites recovered them and

two successive double-faults

from Bollegraf decided the

very special.

reformed to good effect.

embraced at the net and the match, although won in straight sets, had been nearly as close, as Fernandez admitted. We've been in grand slams 25 times, or something like that, and it was their first. but it didn't seem that they were nervous, except on a couple of serves," she said. They played a great match." Neil Broad, the British Da-

vis Cup player, was eliminated from the mixed doubles in en by Andrei Olhovskiy and Larisa Neiland.

Lost tribe fails to settle out of court

LYNNE TRUSS



gazes beyond the centre of attention

ought to mention first that I live in a popular seaside town, which rather explains some of the following. For what happens when you live by the seaside is that, on the first sunny day in May, a lot of strangers turn up on the prom and grab all the deckchairs. "Where were you in March?" [always splutter. It's irrational, but I can't help it. Madly, I dig in my pocket for proof of deckchair blre in the winter months, but can't find any. "Well I was here, and I bet you weren't" I say. Which, funnily enough, often

clears a space.

An azure-skied finals weekend of Wimbledon, when the previous fortnight has been wet, wayward and a test of sanctifiable patience, elicits a similar reaction in me, I discover. For, instead of buying the usual E53 lunches in the Wingfield Restaurant, the punters yesterday broke with tradition and headed straight for Centre Court, leaving no gaps for the people who'd turned up every day, rain or shine (like lemons). What a

"Nope", "No chance", and "Go away" were the main responses to my hopeful press-pass fiddling on stair-wells blocked by the usually jolly representatives of the armed services (up to now, my chums). "Go on, let me in!" I begged. "This is the best bit. isn't it?" "Shan't" they said. I considered dodging. As the crowd noise inside increased ("Ooh! Aahl") I feverishly considered tunnelling. I now understand the recklessness of that bloke in made a dash for it, and got tragically shot in the back.



Inside Centre Court yesterwas displaying the greatest tennis anyone has ever seen. People afterwards assured me it was sublime. Ho hum. But outside No I Court, two French girls sat behind me on a ceremonial mound. watching the match get started on a giant video screen. Did we feel secondclass? You bet.

I guessed the girls were French, incidentally, because they exclaimed things like "Alors zero-quinzel" and you think he can win?" I asked one of them sympa-

thetically, indicating their countryman before us. "Pioline, non." she scoffed, in that inimitable French scoffing way. "But zat's OK, because it is Samoras I want to win."

This huge screen has been a mixed success during this fortnight, being unwatched on rainy days and extremely hard to watch when the sun comes out, but yesterday it came into its own, collecting all the stray punters into one small colourful area and somehow underlining the religious aspect of the event the hill, perhaps. The five thousand with the loaves and

Bible illustrations. A cheerful community of outcasts, we watched Sampras's straight-sets win under a baking sun, some of us guzzling gallons of Pinum's and lager, and some of just acquiring chewing gum on

As a consequence of the giant screen's magnetism, the ghost town. Some of the courts were roped off, in any case; and out on No 3 Court, Commissionaires over the past fortnight ("Move off the You can't stand on these here steps. Yes you, madam.") were suddenly no trouble at all. People walked up them, they walked down them.

A few people sat by No 18 Court, watching the grass grow, which was a bit odd, while nearby, in a deserted cushion-hire girl was en-grossed in Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad - a choice of book that said it all, since Conrad is not a stylist to be read through regular intercuptions.

It was all dead. In the Wimbledon Shop, customers rolled aimlessly about, like Maltesers in a shoe box, and the tills were silent. On a whim, I bought that key-ring I've been dithering about. It was quite an easy purchase, in the end. What a re-

aturday had been a better day for seeing the tennis. In the women's singles final, I staunchly supported Novotna, of course - the long and short of it being that Hingis gives me the pip. I mean to say, changing ends at 3-2 up in the third set. Hingis actually skipped towards the seats - yes, skipped. I am 16. going on 17. la da di da dee dah. Fellers I meet may tell me I'm sweet, and willingly I believe. Moreover, when she dutifully swapped trophies with Jana Novoma afterwards, Hingis playfully pretended to dash the runner up plate to

"I think she may have a tendency to be big-headed," a nice lady on the 39 bus said yesterday morning. "You

But nothing in the match was as hard as watching the referee, Alan Mills, crouch kindly in front of Novotna afterwards, offering words of consolation. Being nice to someone who's fighting the urge to cry? Surely he knows this always makes them break down in sobs?

Luckily, however, Novoma did not cry, and instead used her moments with the Duchess of Kent to catch up on the goss. "You never kept in touch after last time, though," she said, all pink with emothe nicely said royal

Bravo Martina!

Fernandez, left, begins the celebrations after she

and Zvereva win the women's doubles yesterday



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Men's singles Winner: £415,000 Runner-up \$207,500 Holder: R Krajicek (Holl)

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Plaine bi M Sach (Ger) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 5-7,

Men's doubles Winners £170,030 Runners-up: £85,010

Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus)

HAMP BOOK

Women's singles Winner: £373,500 Runner-up: £186,750

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Women's doubles Winners £147,010 Runners-up: £73.270 Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz)

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Mixed doubles Winners, £72,200 Punners-ир. \$36,100 Holders: C Suk (Cz) and H Sukova (Cz)

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and R Dragoner (Rom) 6-3, 7-6

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Basalu Hindo 6-1, 0-6, 6-4

Broad and De Swardt bt J L de Jagor (SA)
and M Hings (SMIZ) 6-7, 6-3, 5-4

CONNELL and DAVEN-PORT bt R LEACH
(US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) 6-4,
6-4



SUK and SUKCVA bt K Kimmer (UB) and N Myagi (Japan) 6-2 7-5 De Jager and Hings bt K Brassch (Ger) and B Ritter (Ger) 6-4 6-3 LEACH and BOLLEGRAF by M BH PATH (Inde) and R HIRAKI (Japan) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4

Men's over-35 doubler Winners: £14,000 Runners-up: £11,000 Holders: W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US)

Curren and Krick bl. J B Fitzgerald (Aus) an

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Men's over-45 doubles Winners: £11,000 Runners-up. 8,750 Holders: J Alexander (Aus) and P Dent (Aus)

J Felial (Chile) and R L Stackton (US) bt O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdale (SA) 6-1.

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Winners: £10,000 · Runners-up: 27,500 Holdens: J M Durle (GB) and A E Smith (US)

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(Aus) and G E Red (Aus) 7-5, 6-2, Tumbul
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(GB), 6-2, 6-3 Boys' singles

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☐ William Hill have installed Pete Sampras as 6-4 favourite to win Wimbledon again next.

HARD ISSUE

Black has hard act to follow

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHILE many eyes at Wim-bledon yesterday were on the opening exchanges between Pete Sampras and Cedric Pio-line, the junior singles finals were being decided between players who may, or may not. become senior champions of the future.

Cara Black, of Zimbabwe, seeded No 3, who beat Aubrie Rippner, of the United States, the No 6 seed, to win the girls title, has the most recent positive role model: Martina Hingis, as No 8 seed, won this competition in 1994. Black recovered from 3-0 down in the first set and 5-3 down in the second to win 6-3, 7-6.

Black, though, is already two years older than Hingis. and her triumph does not guarantee further success. Unless your count Natasha Zvereva, the junior champion in 1986 and 1987, the most illustrious name before that of Hingis on the list of past finalists is Martina Navrat-

ilova, the runner-up in 1973. Wesley Whitehouse, from South Africa, who won the boys' title by beating Daniel Elsner, of Germany, the top seed and world junior No.1, is following in more famous footsteps. Previous champions include Stefan Edberg (1983). Pat Cash (1982) and Ivan Lendi

Whitehouse has had a promising year and has the weapon regarded as the most potent in the men's game: a big service. Nevertheless, his victory over Eisner; the more complete all-round player and the Australian and French junior champion, was a surprise. Elsner, however, had no answer to Whitehouse's 12 aces as Whitehouse won 6-3, 7-

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the last 15 games were resolved after a flurry of deuces. It was that

As for Hingis, the poignancy of her victory was amplified when she briefly allowed Novotna to parade

the women's singles trophy in

mock celebration. In the foresee-

able future, it may be that only with

Hingis's consent will the trophy be

raised by a different pair of hands.

Hingis hailed as queen of grass before her time

THE pity about the women's singles championship this year was that Stelli Graf could not defend her title through injury. Her absence served to advance the dawn of an era when Martina Hingis, at 16 years and nine months, became the youngest player this century to lift the Venus Rosewater Dish, at the expense of Jana Novotna. The remarkable truth about Hingis is that she progressed from grass-court nevice to Wimbledon champion in the 110 minutes that she required for her 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory in a memorable.

It might have been a different matter had Hingis, Slovakian-born but now playing out of Switzerland, encountered Graf's steely resolve in the final on Saturday — as would have been projected by Wimbledon's seeding committee. Early in the match, Novotna, from the Czech Republic, exposed Hingis's inexperience on grass to claim the first set after 22 minutes. Hingis looked bemused, her dislike of grass evident, her ground strokes stripped of accuracy by the vaga-ries of the bounce and the aggression in Novotna's game. Hingis, however, is a born.

competitor. Youth brings with it a certain stubbornness in a crisis. It simply refuses to yield. So it was that Hingis clawed her way into the match, learning on the run before ultimately she imposed herself on her labouring opponent. She did so by varying her game, occasionally. venturing to the net and tossing up the odd lob to keep Novotna on her heels. In the end, the transformation was complete. Having been broken to love in the opening game, Hingis finished the match as her opponent had started, breaking Novotna to love on the latter's last

Graf might never have allowed the contest to reach a deciding set.

All cold and businesslike on the court, she might never have allowed Hingis to improvise as she played Graf, after all, has won seven Wimbledon titles; Novoma none. But then Graf Would only have been postponing the inevitaof women's tennis for the new

While we are accustomed to barely-pubescent stariets, like Anna Kournikova and Venus Wil-



FINAL STATISTICS Hingis won 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the 50min

HINGIS NOVOTIME

learning curve, restrained from full-time competition by her perents. Hingis already possesses two grand-slam tournament titles. But for her fatigue after a knee injury for her defeat in the French Open final in Paris last month, she would be playing for the grand slam in New York next month.

Of course, fate may yet conspire against Hingis, as it has against Monica Seles, the child prodigy before her. For all Hingis's exuberance, Seles's sad plight since she was stabbed in the back in Hamburg four years ago remains the



Novoma goes on bended knee



Hingis cannot keep her feet on the ground after the final

Experience bows to testament of youth

Michael Calvin reflects on a final that saw one dream dashed at dawn of a new dominant era

should have been thick with tension, polluted by personal ambition. Yet, as they lay within feet of each other, having their muscles massaged and their sinews stretched before the Wimbledon women's final. Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna chatted like sisters under the hairdrier at a suburban salon.

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Novotna, her life placed into perspective by the thought of her seriously ill father preparing to watch her on television from a Brno, in the Czech Republic, was amused by the lack of pretention. Hingis, whose life is still tinged by the innocence of Pony Clubs and

The scene might have been surreal, in this obsessively commercial era of manufactured rivalry and motivational psychobabble, but the spell was not broken by a match that stimulated contrasting emotions and confirmed the passing of another generation.

Vovotna was beaten, but insulated by the excellence of the girl who had become the youngest champion since Lottie Dod in 1887. There were no tears of self-recrimination. As she looked down at the runnersup plate, the reflected light lent a golden sheen to a face softened by a sense of release.

Hingis, who at 16 is 12 years sunger than her opponent, will learn that inferiority is an occupational hazard, not a mortal sin. destructive and Novotna biossomed in adversity. She conquered the inner demons who whispered that she would again succumb to the nerves that ambushed her within sight of victory over Steffi Graf in the 1993 final.

When I played Steffl in '93, she was very serious," Novotna said. Everything was, like, rushed. You don't look at each other beforehand, don't talk to each other. Martina and I had a very pleasant conversation. She is very talented. but very respectful. I have the same respect for her that she has for me, and that is really important. "If I compare her to other

players who we have seen burn out, she is very normal. When she is not on court, she acts like a normal teenage kid, but, on the other band, when she is on court, she knows very well what she's doing. Out there, she wants to

Novotna was speaking with a freshness, a freedom that suggested that she had begun to come to terms with the fact that she will never win the Wimbledon title that her serve-and-volley game de-

The air in the trainer's room serves. Hingis proved more, by beneath Centre Court rallying to win in three sets, than she would have evinced by enjoying a two-set walkover. The child in her admitted that, when she lost the first four games of the final, it was "like, wow, what can I do? The competitor in her, manifested by such understated gestures as a gentle slap on her thighs, administered whenever things went awry. provided the answers.

Hingis had the initiative to act on something more than instinct, and showed that she can think for herself. She compensated for her was 13mph slower than Novotna's - by changing the pace of her returns, the angle of her attack. It was like watching Shane Warne think a batsman out, or Stephen

Hendry grind down an opponent. She will never be a cutie in the Anna Kournikova mould, nor a transracial role model such as Venus Williams. Her strength is her ordinariness, the sense of reality murtured by her mother. Melanie Molitor. Her responsibility, to rationalise the demands on her daughter, is critical, Fame and attendant fortune can transform the most pleasant, but halfformed, character into a sparling caricature of a spoilt brat. Not all will be domestic bliss.

t is unrealistic to expect Hingis to retain the purity of youth. the optimism of inexperience. Graf, who has matured from phenomenon to patron, has be-come a little cynical and world weary. Already, there are signs that the image consultants are claiming their pound of puppy fat from Hingis. She seemed faintly ill-at-ease with the skintight outlits supplied by her Italian clothing company during the championships, which gave her the faintly ridiculous air of an attendant at a Kensington ice cream partour. Her tracksuits, with the name "Martina" emblazoned on the back in orange script, looked as if they had been run off, with a fortnight's holiday in Margate in mind, by the owner of a Sunday market stall.

"It might be that I'm, maybe, too young to win this title," Hingis said. If she needed any advice on how to mature gracefully, though she had only to ask the dignified woman who sipped champagne with her after, all-too briefly, snatching the winner's salver from her arms.

"I just wondered how it feels," Novotna said, laughing as she explained her spur-of-the-moment larceny. The probability is she will never truly know and that Hingis is in imminent danger of being bored by the sensation.

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Balance of power in Ashes series shifts as Australia exert control at Old Trafford

Gillespie exposes England's enduring weakness

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (fourth day of five): England, with five second-innings wickets stand-ing, need 339 runs to beat IN THE style of a sadistic

dentist, Australia kept England freming in the waitingroom, hour after hour, then applied the treatment with savage speed. It took 31 minutes, either side of tea yesterday, for this third Cornhill Test to be taken beyond recall. Suddenly, the Ashes series has an entirely different com-

Within that shartering halfhour. England's top four was snared and all potential escape routes collapsed. Although John Crawley took the game into its final day with an unbeaten half-century, the weather forecast is fair and the outcome surely a formality. The teams are set to go to Leeds, later this month, all

Ever since they succumbed so haplessly to Shane Warne on Friday. England have been losing this match with sombre inevitability. They rallied on Saturday and there was just a moment, in late afternoon. when Australia seemed vulnerable. Steve Waugh quickly put paid to such fancy.

Even with only one good hand - the other, bruised one being snatched off the bat handle at every opportunity -Waugh blighted England's optimism and became the first man for 50 years to score two hundreds in an Ashes Test.

Then, yesterday, came the mind games. How long would

AUSTRALIA. First Innings 235 (S R Waugh 108, D W Headley 4 for 72)

ENGLAND. First innings

(37mm 29 balls) †A J Stewari of Taylor b Warne (117mm, 79 balls 2 lours) N Hussain of Healy b Warne (44mm, 29 balls, 2 tours) G P Thorpe of Taylor b Warne

Ednas (b 4 lb 3 nb 2)

Total (84.4 overs, 339mln)

AUSTRALIA: Second Immings

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M T G Elicot c Butcher b Headley
187mm 40 balls

*M A Taylor c Butcher b Headley
187mm 3 balls
G S Blewett c Hussam b Croft
141mm, 35 balls, 1 lour)

M E Waugh b Esham
121mm 81 balls, 1 se, 7 (curs)
R Waugh c Stewart b Headley
1382mm 271 balls, 10 lours)
M G Bevan c Atherton b Headley
1232mm, 16 balls

A Heaty o Butcher b Cross (103mm 78 base 6 lours)

Mark Taylor make England wait to bat again? He probably had sufficient runs to win with at start of play and, by lunchtime, the margin was embarrassing. Still Taylor pressed on seeking signs of fatalism on the field, playing every card in his psychological

When the declaration came, 20 minutes into the afternoon session, England were left a notional target of 469. Slightly more realistically, considering 145 is the highest fourthinnings score to win a Test on this ground, they were asked to but out a minimum of 141 overs. Any fond hope that it

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might be possible vanished in the seventeenth of them with the retreating figure of Michael Atherton. Alone among English batsmen, Atherton was capable of even contemplating the monumental task, but the clatter of wickets that followed his dismissal to a dubious leg-before decision was as predictable as it was academic. The game was up.

This time it was not Warne who plundered most of the booty but another devotee of earrings. Jason Gillespie. Hitherto, Gillespie had played an anonymous role, seemingly bowling well within himself. A switch to the Stretford End transformed him; line, rhythm and speed were restored and, in 19 balls, he took three wickets for five.

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

FALL OF MCKETS: 1-5 (Elliott 3), 2-33 (Effort 10), 3-39 (M E Waugh 5), 4-131 (S R Waugh 41), 5-132 (S R Waugh 42), 6-210 (S R Waugh 67), 7-298 (S R Waugh 97), 8-333 (Reftlel 13)

Total (8 wists dec, 122 overs, 503min) 395

Extras (b 1, lb 13, nb 6)

ENGLAND: Second Immigs ENGLAND: Second Innings
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(101mm, 78 batls, 1 lour)
*M A Atherion 18w b Gillespie
(81mh, 38 batls, 1 six, 1 lour)
(A J Strevan b Warne
(3min, 5 batls)
N Hassahn tibw b Gillespie
(15min, 14 batls)
G P Thorpe c Heasy b Warne
(51min, 29 batls)
J P Grawfey not out
(105min, 29 batls, 7 fours)
M A Estham not out

Total (5 wids, 51 overs, 208min) . . . 130 RDB Croft, D Gough, AR Caddick and DW Headley to hall

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44 (Butcher 22), 2-45 (Butcher 22), 3-50 (Butcher 26), 4-55 (Thorpe 3), 5-84 (Crawley 21) (Thorpe 3), 5-84 (Crawley 21) BOWLING: McGrath 10-2-24-0 (3 fours, 7-2-14-0 3-0-10-0) Gillisepse 12-4-31-3 (1 5u, 4-2-10-0, B-2-21-3); Pierfiel 2-0-8-0 (nb 1, one spod), Warms 19-7-21-2 (ne spod), Bevan 6-2-34-0 (w 1, 6 fours, one spell) Umphres: G Sharp and S verikataraghavan india) Thad umphre: J H Hampsters Match referee: R S Madugatie (Sii Lanka)

| Compiled by Bill Findali

His was the latest in a line of memorable contributions, for this has been a riveting cricket match, a fact apparently lost on the tiresome sequence of spectators who invaded the ground late yesterday. Lancashire say the streakers will be charged, and so they should be, but the clad and semi-clad were no less of an irritation. This trend has to be discouraged before it becomes a serious cause of delay and brings mockery and disrepute upon the game.

It was a shame, too, for the majority who were not intent on exhibitionism. This was the first time Test cricket has been staged on Wimbledon finals Sunday and all tickets were sold even before it was clear no Britons would be involved on Centre Court.

England received constant vocal support but, for once this summer, could not raise a response. The pitch had lost its menace, certainly when the seamers were operating, and the fact that Waugh and the Australia tall could add 133 at a run a minute said something for the conditions and somespired bowling.

Warne completed his second Test half-century with a confident flourish before Caddick found some extra bounce to remove him. A similar ball from Headley. England's best bowler throughout the game, finally dislodged Waugh

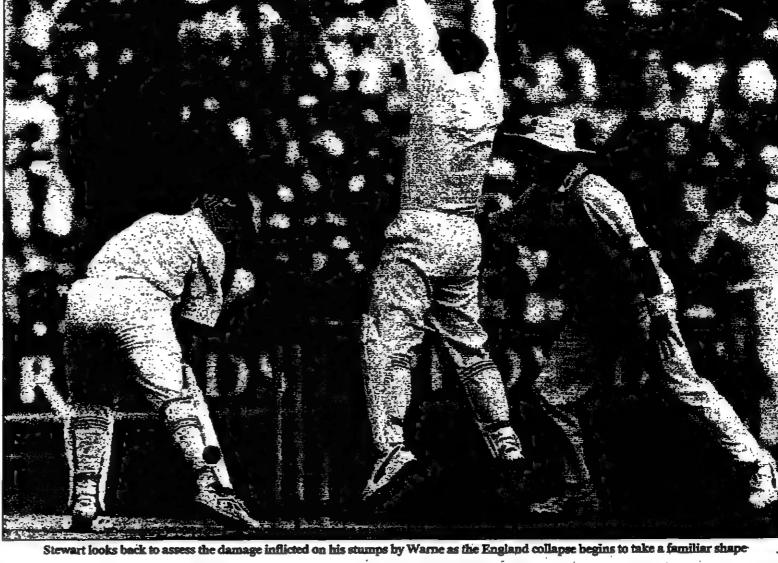
Even the ninth wicket added 62 untroubled runs before Taylor called off the punishment. Then came another anxious wait, this time for the arrival of Warne. Taylor threw him the ball for the fourteenth over but the consequent shift of ends for Gillespie was still more significant. It did not initially seem that

way as Atherton hooked Gillespie for a collector's piece six, but after 71 minutes without so much as an alarm the captain left the bridge. Gillespie forced him back, angling the ball into his pads, but there was a fair chance it would have missed leg stump. The umpires have had an erratic match.

saw off Stewart, bamboozled in flight and bowled through a yawning gap between bat and pad. It was Warne's 250th Test wicket, and, with bare patches and deep footmarks to aim at, he could have a few more

After tea, Gillespie extracted Hussain with a similar ball to that which dismissed Atherton, then dropped one short to Butcher and watched Mc-Grath catch the top-edged pull down by his bootstraps at fine

leg.
If Elliott, at gully, had held on to a cut by Crawley with the score on 68, the match would probably have been over last night. Instead, Thorpe - losing the patience game with Warne and cutting at an inoffensively wide one - was the only further casualty.



Warne maintaining proud tradition

England have been outclassed in the third Test match at Old Trafford, and very disappointing. In bring-ing this about, Australia have come quite into their own. They have got their swagger back, and we know what that

With England so desperate enough that their victory in the first Test at Edghaston, taken with their two in New Zealand in February, should be over-valued. The fact of the matter is that it had more than anything to do with their being able to bowl first, and quite a lot to do with Australia's unpreparedness. Given their chance, though, England took it in style. That, unfortunately, put Australia on their mettle,

with all too likely consequences.
The Waugh brothers really are infuriatingly good. Al-though they are twins, they do not look particularly alike and they do not but at all alike; but they usually make sure, between them, that Australia have enough runs when it

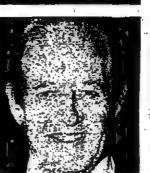
matters to stay on top. In a double-wicket tournament between pairs of Test-

playing brothers, involving the Waughs (Steve and Mark). the Chappelis (Ian and Greg), the Pollocks (Graeme and Peterl, the Rowans (Eric and Athol), the Kirstens (Peter and Gary), the Mohammads (Hanif and Mushtaq), the Amarnaths (Mohinder and Surinder) and any two of the Ranatunga clan of Sri Lanka, I

back the Channells — but the Rowans and the Pollocks, each with a match-winning bowler. would be hard to beat. England should have known to beware Australian leg spinners at Old Trafford. They have long excelled them-selves there. Bill O'Reilly

started it all on the first morning of the third Test match in 1934 when, in one over, he reduced England from 68 for no wicket to 72 for three. He had Walters caught at short leg off a googly, bowled Wyatt first ball and Hammond second ball, Hammond having got four off the inside edge off his first ball. Sutcliffe was still there, though, and, with Hendren, Leyland and Ames to come, England were soon under way

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Test match Commentary

I can see as though it were yesterday Richie Benaud de-ciding, but not unceremoniously, to go round the wicket to exploit Fred Trueman's footmarks in the Old Trafford Test of 1961. He did it more or less as a last resort. Needing 256 to win, England were 150 for one at the time with Dexter in full cry: he had made 76 in 84 minutes with Subba Row supporting him staunchly.

It was much less common then than it is now for leg spinners to bowl round the wicket, but it worked at once.; Dexter was caught at the wicket, making to square cut; May was bowled first ball. round his legs, and in no time at all the Ashes were back in Australia's keeping, Benaud having taken five for 12 in 25

with his flippers and fizzers and twiddlers and dippers, not to mention his leg breaks and googlies and swervers and top spinners. In juggling terms, he would have six or seven balls in the air at the same time in those days; today, he has only two or three, but it has been more than enough. He is still more accurate than he has any right to be, spinning the ball as he does, and his reputation and rarity value also, of course, count heavily in his favour. Neither O'Reilly nor Benaud were great spinners of

the ball in the way that Warns Unlike at Lord's, where the slope has its effect, there is no favoured end for leg spinners at Old Trafford, O'Reilly and Benaud took their wickets

bowling from the Stretford

End. Warne, on the other hand, was bowling from the Warwick Road End when he bowled Gatting with his first ball in a Test match in England - the balle célébre that; pitched outside the le stump in one parish and hit the off stump in another — and he has stuck to it ever since.

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in this series, the first signs that, even with a gammy Then, in 1993, came Warne, shoulder, a dicky finger and wavering, self-confidence, he could still bowl a bit, came at the end of the Test match at Lords, when he picked up the wickets of Hussain and

> ere at Old Trafford the England think-tank may have played into his hands by seeking to influence the preparation of the pitch. As a general rule, it is safer. I think, and sounder to leave these things to the judgment and good sense of the groundsman concerned. With a lead in this series before the match started. England could have done with something on which to consolidate, rather than the green and roughish surface that was unveiled last Thursday morning.

Waugh revels in twin challenge to technique and temperament



Waugh salutes his second

Steve Waugh yesterday be-came the sixth batsman to score centuries in each inscore centuries in each innings of an Ashes Test match, of which the game in Manchester is the 288th, but it must be doubtful whether Sutcliffe, Hammond or Compton, of England, or Bardsley and Morris, the Australian lefthanders, were playing in condi-tions of similar adversity, or on more difficult pitches.

Although the one at Old Trafford had eased by the time that Australia batted for a second time, in the early stages it was, in Waugh's own words, "really tough". The chief difficulty was its uneven bounce, which is what caused the severe jarring to his

right hand that rendered him virtually strokeless after tea on Saturday. He said that he could not remember a match in which the ball had thumped into the splice more often.

Waugh has played the role of four years, his double century in Kingston in 1995 - the only innings he thought fit to compare to his first century here - and 160 in Johannesburg earlier this year only being among the more famous of his match-turning performances. Assuming that Australia finish the job today, all but one of his 14 Test centuries will have been Waugh loves nothing more than Simon Wilde on the batsman who has come to symbolise Australian cussedness

a challenge to his technical skill and psychological resilience. Mentally, he is as indestructible as Viv Richards - old "Smokin" Joe" himself — but it was not always

Carl Rackemann, the former Queensland and Australia fast bowler, who is leading a support-ers' group to England and commentating for Channel 9, yesterday recalled the first time that he came across the "cider" of the Waugh twins. Waugh, who was 19, was playing for New South Wales in

the Sheffield Shield final of 1985. "It was something like the third Shield match he had ever played and I had never heard of the

bloke." Rackemann said. "He scored 70-odd and it was fantastic stuff, an innings full of strokes. He even hooked one of us for six. It is a stroke he never plays now, but he did in those days. He may have shown more shots, but even then he had a good

The elimination of the hook stroke was one of the key steps in stereotype him as a grafter. He has

Waugh's development, because it cost him dear during a traumatic first series against West Indies in 1988-89. A few months later, he scored a long-overdue first Test century, at Headingley, and it took him only 124 balls, but experience has taught him to carry on paring his game, to the point that here he has batted in eight sessions and scored fewer than 35 in seven of .

"Shot selection is an issue for all batsmen and Steve has cut out the ones he regards as carrying a risk," Rackemann said. "The change in him is a natural process, a conscious effort to do a better job for his side, but it would be wrong to

still got all the shots when the occasion demands."

The transition from flamboyant many great baismen have made, the most striking example, in the case of England, being Len Hutton, who in his later years was required to carry the batting almost single-handed.

Waugh has not had to do that for Australia, which may have some-thing to do with the world being slow to acknowledge his extraordinary talents of organisation and Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar may steal more of the headlines, but he is the jewel in the unofficial world champions' crown.

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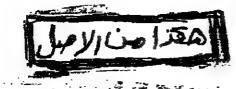
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CRICKET

Burns finds his feet to stun Essex

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by four wickets

AS THEY proved in their championship encounter. which finished with a day to spare. Somerset were simply too good for Essex, the Axa Life League leaders. The result was as unexpected as it was on

A career-best innings of 83 by Michael Burns, who hitherto had not made so much as a half-century in this competition for either Warwickshire or his adopted county, enabled them to win with 16 balls to

There is a tenacity about Somerset's cricket that has constantly been apparent in both forms of the game at Cheimsford. It helped, of course, that Mushtaq Ahmed was fit again. He took three wickets as, on a perfectly presentable pitch, Essex, who were 74 for one in the fourteenth over, mustered a total about 40 runs short of what it should have been.

Burns then struck Such for three sixes, making his runs off 90 balls. There were other youthful contributions from Holloway, who scored 37, and Lathwell, 34.

On a day on which there was no shortage of competing sporting attractions on television, the Essex ground was virtually full. They have the support and, doubtless, the expertise to acquire sponsorship, to stage a floodlit match. Paul Prichard, their captain, would like to take part in one. The possibility of doing so has been raised in their committee room — and swiftly rejected.

"I am very sceptical whether it will ever work in this country." Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary/general manager, said. "Apart from the enormous costs involved and the fact that, for part of the summer, the weather is too cold to sit out late at night, [don't think it has been generally realised what effect the dew has on the grass, the difficulties there are in gaining planning permission and the fact that boys around the age of 12, like our mascot in this match, will not come on their

If the crowd was relatively mute yesterday, that was because Essex struggled to bat with any authority. Their cricket against Somerset during the past few days has been curiously insipid. Stuart Law made runs again — 43, including seven fours — but not enough. He was brilliantly caught by Parsons at midwicket off Mushtag, who had recovered from a knee injury. Parsons then held another

find catch at backward point to account for Grayson. No doubt Dermot Reeve, who does not always appear on Sundays but was organising a practice session before the start yesterday, should take much of the credit for the sharpness of Somerset's fielding. Bowler, their captain, also judged a catch in the deep extremely well.

Rollins made his best score in this form of the game, 38, but, if it had not been for a diverting, unbroken last-wicket partnership of 28 in four overs between flott and Such. Essex would have struggled to give Somerset a game. Once Holloway and Burns,

who was dropped before he had scored, had put on 88 in the first 15 overs, that was indeed the case. Even though Turner and Bowler went cheaply, this was a straightfor-



Law, of Essex, forces the ball through the off side during his innings of 43

Middlesex tie Lancashire down

BY RICHARD HORSON

an alert Ramprakash at short

mid-on. Another youngster,

Chilton, came in ahead of

Hegg and Austin, but the

scoring rate increased steadily

towards the final third of the

innings as Lancashire tried to

ensure that they had wickets

intact when it came to the

final assault

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (2pts) tied with Lancashire (2)

LANCASHIRE, requiring 13 runs from the final over for victory, settled for a tie at the culmination of a thrilling game yesterday, after which they are level on points at top of the Axa Life League table. Warren Hegg scored eight from the first two balls from Richard Johnson to give Lancashire hope of success, but two run-outs then pegged them back. With two runs required from the last ball, Middlesex restricted Lancashire to a bye and the match ended with honours even. Lancashire were forced to

consolidate after losing both openers, Watkinson and Gall-

ian, during Fraser's new-ball more than most with injuries spell. When Lloyd drove a ball from Kallis to Brown, the this season. Wasim Akram. has been ordered to rest his wicketkeeper, they were 40 for injured shoulder, while Marthree and reliant on tin, the prime mover behind Fairbrother to carry them their success in the championtowards their target of 198. Flintoff, 19. offered the reship here, left the field yesterday with spasms in his back having delivered just three overs. It was left to Shadford quired support. Indeed, he did more than feed the strike to his senior partner and contributed 31 of the 59-run to remove Kallis and Shab in successive overs and, when Ramprakash cut Chilton firmly to Gallian at point. partnership before he found

Middlesex were 45 for four. Then followed something of a recovery. Brown and Pooley put on 58 in 13 overs before the former was caught pulling, but Pooley prospered more swiftly as he added 52 in six overs with Moffat. He had scored 73 from 72 balls when he fell leg-before to Shadford.

edge in low-scoring thriller BY BARNEY SPENDER

Kent have

MAIDSTONE (Northamptonshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by INO THES

THE last time that Kent played Northamptonshire in a one-day match, the Benson and Hedges semi-final at Canterbury, a handsome victory was marred by an outbreak of fisticulfs among the rival supporters. Yesterday, when the two teams met again in the Axa Life League, the spectators behaved impeccably and, on a glorious day, an intriguing low scoring game hung in the balance right to the end. Needing 210 to win. Northants made a solid start

through Loye and Penberthy but, after forfeiting three quick wickets, they seemed to lose their way. However, with Rob Bailey still there, they stayed in touch and some mighty hits off Paul Strang left, them needing 77 off ten overs.

When Bailey, dropped by Fleming at cover on 45; was trapped leg-before by McCague for 54, the match looked over. However, Sales, with 39 off 24 balls, and Snape, with 22 off 15, made sure that none of the 4,000 crowd went home early. Ten were needed off the last over but the task proved beyond Snape, who was brilliantly run out by Fleming off the penultimate ball.

Kent began their innings as if they intended to make 300. Ward and Walker fed happily on some wayward bowling from Mohammad Akram and Kevin Curran to reach 50 in the eighth over.

The introduction of the two spinners. Snape and Emburey, slowed them and frustration saw both openers depart in quick succession for 40. When they attempted to rebuild. Penberthy popped up with three dismissals in one over. Rescue was at hand, however, in the shape of their captain. Steve Marsh, who struck a rapid 39 not out off 26 balls including two huge sixes. White blows hot in Yorkshire tie

Stemp, the left-arm spinner,

was particularly relieved to see Dakin retrace his steps

after making 27 from 11 balls. Stemp conceded three sixes to

Dakin before he was bowied

by Morris; who returned his best Sunday figures of four for

A total of 40 extras expand-

ed Leicestershire's score, with

Hartley the only bowler not to

bowl a wide. Wells was the

first of Leicestershire's three

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Unipries: R Palmer and A A Jones.

EDGBASTON (Surely Won toes): We white [4pts] best Surrey by 48 runs

Warwickshire v Surrey

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Kent v Northamptonshire

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BOWLING: igglestien 8-0-41-1; Thompson 3-1-21-1, McCague 8-0-50-2; Plenning 8-0-13-2; Strang 8-0-65-0. Umpires: H D Blod and V A Holder.

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Ball spoils Glamorgan's party

MARTYN BALL, the Gloucestershire off spinner, took four for 26, his best figures in the competition, to bring Glamorgan back to earth on the day after they went to the top of the county championship. Talk of a double was silenced by a fourth Sunday defeat, which makes it unlikely that they will

win the Axa Life League. Ball brilliantly exploited the pitch, which began to turn extravagantly under the hot

When Young had Maynard leg before, half the side had gone for 71 and although James, with a superb unbeaten 75, and Shaw, who made 48, revived Welsh hopes with a rousing sixth wicket stand of 105 in only 17 overs the damage had been done.

It was a wise decision by Alleyne, the Gloucestershire captain, to but first on the same pitch on which Glamorgan had destroyed Sussex the week before because there did not seem to be too much

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ning total of 236 for 7 with an opening stand of 107.

Hancock rattled up 57 off 63 balls, his highest Sunday 2000

Wright had advanced to 69 in 34 overs when a couple of bruising blows on the foot from Thomas and Wagar yorkers persuaded him that enough was enough. But quick runs from Young, Lynch and Russell meant that Gloucestershire could afford to lose four wickets for nine runs in the last two overs.

CRAIG WHITE, remarkably without a Sunday fifty for two ears, made 148, Yorkshire's nighest individual score in the competition's 29-year history. before this match ended in a tie, three wickets falling in a dramatic final over, with five runs needed for victory.

White spearheaded team's biggest 40-over total, exceeding the 296 for eight against Surrey at the Oval three years ago. His own innings eclipsed that of Rich-

Sussex are cut down by

ARUNDEL (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Sussex by 49 runs

A TARGET of 208 was never in Sussex's compass and they subsided in the manner on which they have built a reput-ation. Worcestershire thus completed a satisfactory stay at this delightful ground, having won the championship match by an innings with a day to spare.

Their innings gained mo-mentum with a fourth-wicket stand of 111 in 15 overs between David Leatherdale and Reuben Spiring, who put sensible accumulation before extravagance on a pitch that was not a friend to free scoring. Leatherdale was first to his half-century, making 62 off 54 balls in all.

Sussex had the better of the early exchanges and would have hoped to chase something smaller after removing Hick and Moody relatively cheaply. Moody was taken at the wicket aiming to drive. It was a reward for some accurate medium pace from Edwards, playing his first Sunday league game of the season, whose economy was almost matched by Robinson. Hick was bowled by the latter pulling across the line, but Leatherdale and Spiring knuckled down.

Athey did likewise when Sussex set out, but the rest of the reply was without distinc-tion until a late flourish from Mark Newell Newport put Worcesershire in charge with three early wickets; Leatherdale, who had a good day all round, effectively ended the match as a contest with another three after Sheriyar had accounted for Athey.

SWANSEA (Gloucestershire sun, and claimed Glamorwon toss): Gloucestershire gan's first four wickets to leave (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 17 them in total disarray.

wrong with it when Wright LEICESTER (Yorkshire won and Blakey, who made an occupied 50 balls as the Yorkshire (2pts) tied under the foundation for a match-win with Yorkshire (2)

Scarborough in 1991. Leicestershire were unable

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

to contain White's 114-ball flurry, which included ten fours and five sixes. After averaging just over 17 in the competition this summer, he relished a perfect one-day pitch that encouraged lavish

A fifth-wicket partnership of 117 in 12 overs between Maddy and Whitaker was the mainspring of Leicestershire's in-nings. Maddy plundered 70, with 11 fours and a six from 45 halls, while Whitaker's 66

Stephenson commands Leatherdale by example

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Dur-ham by six wickets

SENT in on a square that for four days had been giving a passable imitation of the Slough of Despond, Durham struggled to reach 162 for nine in the face of some inspired scam bowling, smart fieldin and excellent work from Adrian Aymes. Hampshire cannot be trusted to win easily, losing Matthew Hayden and Robin Smith rather carelessly, but John Stephenson, the captain, had a good all-round day, four wickets and 38 not out giving his team a substantial

lift up the table. Durham began with two reputed hitters, both of whom played with such suspicion on a still damp surface and against a moving white hall, that the first seven overs brought 13 runs. John Morris then hit Simon Renshaw straight for six and followed with a line cover drive for four. He and Martin Speight added 34 in the next six overs before Speight chased impatiently down the leg side for

Aymes to make a diving catch. By then, Stephenson and Kevin James were in harness, more wickets fell for 35 runs in eight overs. The top dis missal was that of David Boon, stumped when trying to work James to leg, his bails snaffled at no more than the lifting of a beel.

Jon Lewis, mysteriously batting at No.5. saved the innings from rout with an unbeaten 51 off 75 balls, Mel Betts being his only durable lieutenant, and Durham were also inferior in the field.

half-century makers, to foreshadow a gripping contest. Surrey fall short in title chase

BY A CORRESPONDENT EDGBASTON (Surrey work

toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 48 runs . SURREY'S hopes of retaining

the Axa Life League title were severely dented by a heavy defeat by a ruthlessly efficient Warwickshire yesterday. Surrey played some poor cricket during their live days at Edgbaston and their fourth defeat of the season in this

competition left them lan-guishing in mid-table. Warwickshire are now mong the front runners to succeed Surrey as champions and their fifth consecutive home win was the result of some purposeful cricket.

Surrey bowled too short on helpful pitch and Warwickshire's total of 231 for six always looked a winning one. Surrey were 183 for nine in 40 David Hemp (46) and Dominic Ostler laid the foun-

dations with a fourth-wicket stand of 82 in 14 overs with Hemp making his highest score at Edgbasion since he leit Glamorgan last winter. Ostler has been short of championship runs, but he

committed his third halfcentury of the summer in this competition and Graeme Weich took advantage of some wayward Surrey bowling with an unbeaten 32 from 17 balls. Surrey were struggling

from the moment that Alistair Brown was brilliantly run out by Trevor Penney at point and hey lurched to 35 for four when Welch can out Ian Ward. Adam Hollioake provided the only resistance with a belligerent 34-ball half-century, but Surrey came quietly after he drove Michael Edmond to extra cover.

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Players back move to two-division championship

COUNTY cricketers, offered a unique opportunity to influence the future of their game, have registered a strong desire for change. A revealing official poll shows that the majority tavour conversion to a twodivision county championship, with three clubs pro-moted and relegated each

MEN MONDAY JULY 7

Impatient for action against moribund cricket, the work-force of the professional game change should be immediate, with the 1998 championship being used to determine the initial make up of the

Thus is a powerful statement, the most categorical conclusion to be drawn from the replies to a ground-breaking questionnaire conducted by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA). The results are being submitted to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and will have a bearing on the eagerly awaited strategic blueprint due for publication next month.

More than 75 per cent of the 400-strong membership voted on a variety of issues and three out of four stated that they were unhappy with the present championship system. Of this remarkable figure, 70 per cent believe that a fluid league system based on merit should be the way ahead.

Warwickshire via

TABLE

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David Graveney compiled the questions in his guise as general secretary of the PCA. but the answers are of equal interest to him as chairman of

TWO championship victories within a week have lifted a

burden of disapproval from

end still brought its share of

woe for Lancashire. Wasin

Akram, their inspirational

overseas player, has been told

cricket since returning from

Pakistan with a shoulder inju-

ry and he now fears that it

is fit to how again. He may be unable to lead his country in

autumn Test series against South Africa and West Indies.

Trafford on Saturday, wear-

ing a sling to protect his left arm. "The doctor tells me

there is fluid on the shoulder

and it might take six months

to mend," he said forlornly.

Lancashire's advance up the

Britannic Assurance county

championship table, accelerated by a startling innings victory over Middlesex, the

After publicly making the

championship their priority

this season, such results come

as an immense relief to the

club with the biggest member-ship and headiest expecta-

tions in the land. Bob Bennett,

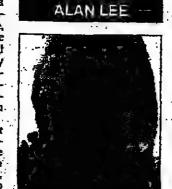
the county chairman, had a

previous leaders.

The news takes the edge off

He was a sorry sight at Old

nay be six months before he



Championship ' Commentary

a convincing vote for change, he said yesterday. The greatest concern of players around the country is the need for more competitive cricket late in the season.

"As a group, they are aware of the counties lears about the effects of change, but their answers are highly responsible. This was a good response to a one-off opportunity to express important views and I firmly believe we should not be frightened of experimenting with change."

The players are not nearly

so united on one-day cricket, 45 per cent expressing satisfaction with the existing structure. Of the small majority urging a cut-back, almost all feet that two competitions, rather than the present three, should comprise one league the England selectors. This is and one knockout event, both

wry smile as he asked: "Do

you think I might be safe for a

Certainly, the perception of a shambles has been averted.

and only just in time. Early last week, a Manchester radio

station decided that its lead-

ing story of the week - the

er reaction through phone-in

shows - would be the "crisis"

at Lancashire. The idea is now

being beaten in this latest

round, the championship is

now led by Glamorgan, who

to sustain their dream.

moed was tempered by an injury. Nick Knight has bro-

ken a finger for the second

time this year, not only dimin-

ishing his chances of regain-

ing a place in the Ashes series, but leaving Warwickshire

with a third-choice captain for

the coming weeks.

With three of the top four

ed to attract th

while, now ?"

a very clear indication." Graveney said, "and I must say I am not surprised.

For too many counties the season peters out in August and players feel their only motivation is to secure a new contract. I have seen too much late-season championship Akram injury stifles cricket with no punch or intensity. It is also worth Old Trafford smiles saying that every one of the players stated a belief that the championship must remain the premier competition in

terms of prize-money and status." A further intriguing possi-bility forwarded by Graveney, and at present being considered by the ECB executive, is that the divisions should be of unequal numbers. "Most players feel that they play too much cricket, but they do not nt to see a massive reduc

played over the accepted inter-national distance of 50 overs.

There is a surprising degree

of contentment with the in-creasingly abused overseas-

player system, 70-per cent voting that the regulation

should-remain as it is. Of the

remainder, most identified the

World Cup year of 1999 as a season for counties to experi-ment without foreign aid.

Among the players' other anxieties are a plea that sec-

ond XI cricket should more

closely mirror the senior championship by being

played over four days and a

strong belief that every lead-

ing ground should improve

net facilities outside the play-

during games,

ing area to allow practice

The eye-catching verdict,

however, relates to the champ-

ionship and, despute the un-bending conservatism of

many county officials, the

players' view will reinforce the

Laurin of Knebworth, the

ECB chairman, to create a

structure more conducive to

Only on August 5 will it be

known if MacLaurin endorses

the radical change invoured

by the players, whose prefer-

ence for promotion and relega-

tion over the alternatives of

either a conference system

with play-offs or a new region-al tournament is marked. "It is

raising standards.

tion." he said. "The problem with two equal divisions is that you either play 16 games on a home-and-away basis. which is scarcely less than we play now, or you play only eight games, which is obvious-"If the top division had, say,

wrapped up a third consecu-tive victory with only 6.1 overs seven teams playing each othremaining at Swansea. Deer twice and the second divifeat doused the challenge of sion had II teams playing each other once, we might be closer Gloucestershire, now requiring their usual resurgence to the ideal amount of cricket. I during Cheltenham fortnight also think the status of games against the universities has to be addressed, for they break Victory over an inept Surrey at Edghaston keeps . up the first half of the season alive Warwickshire's prosand add unnecessarily to the pects of regaining the litte, but, like Lancashire, their demands.* The players were also in

favour of the registration rules being relaxed to allow greater freedom of movement, though with reservations. Essex players, for instance, proposed a system of compensation payments for counties which lose players in whom they have vested time and resources. SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Prichard finds the leading edge

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The Essex captain talks to Ivo Tennant

about his emergence

from the shadows of an illustrious past

exacting tasks for any captain is to command the respect of individuals whose achievements greatly surpass his own. For Paul Prichard, succeeding Keith Fletcher and Graham Gooch as the captain of Essex was sufficently daunting without having to contend with their gimlet-eved presence on the boundary and in the slips. It is to his credit that this has not disconcerted him.

Prichard is fortunate in that neither of the former England captains, who did much to make Essex the power that they are, is the type to undermine him or to point out, as old pros are apt to do, the mumber of Test caps that they won. Even so, there were times, notably last season, when the captaincy appeared to affect Prichard's batting in the same way as it had once hampered Gooch. He finished with just 877 championship runs, and Es-

sex without a trophy.

This season, which is his third since succeeding Gooch, Prichard has not only rediscovered his touch - 518 average of 43.16 - but also he is leading players who, he feels, have the same zest and idiosyncracies of the exceptional Essex sides of the past. They are strongly contesting ship and the Sunday league,

The history of the county -

partly, perhaps, because it was so feckless until 1979 -illustrates how favourably their captains have been treated. Of the six previous incumbants since the war --Tom Pearce, Doug Insole, Trevor Bailey, Brian Taylor, Fletcher and Gooch - no one has been dismissed. What Prichard might have to concern himself with is what Simon Heffer, the writer who knows more than anybody about the genealogical makeup of the county, refers to as he seismic upheaval" that, he feels, occurs in Essex as it



Prichard drives with the confidence of a man rediscovering his batting form

did in Yorkshire if they, too, experience a lean period. Essex have not won a

trophy now for five years. "I do feel the pressure of having to follow successful captains," Prichard said. "Captaincy is a hard job — anybody who says it is not is

not telling the truth — but it is sex circus is on its way. There something I have always are some great characters in wanted to do and I would not the side and when we lose we have been able to live with feel it deeply. We are good myself if I had turned it enough to win a trophy this down. I want to do it for as year, for we are gaining long as I have the respect of victories we would not have

are Mike Horton, the club his wrist suggested that he

chairman, and Ian Buxton,

the cricket chairman. This

matter should have been re-

solved three weeks ago. In-stead, a "domestic".

admittedly one of some impor-

tance, has developed into an

each took three wickets.

man who made headlines last

year when he was selected as a

4-year-old for the Test side

against Zimbabwe. Whether

he was really 14 became a

acquisition of Danny Law and the emergence of Ashley Cowan has given us something extra.

Prichard is 32 and all the fitter for a back operation last winter. He delegates better now. he feels, and consults regularly with Fletcher. whom Essex call, quaintly. their cricket consultant, Nasser Hussain and John Lever. a close friend, who is the vicechairman of the cricket

Gooch also gives him advice. "But I have never been put in a position by him where I feel I have to take it." Prichard said. "I have a lot of respect for Graham for

As he increasingly be-comes more self-reliant so Prichard follows his own hunches. His views on the future of the game are, interestingly enough, markedly different from those propagated by his own county.

> 'We are good enough to win a trophy this year'

"We will see the fruits of four-day championship cricket soon, although I am not convinced two divisions would be a good thing. I don't see any reason why music and floodlights should not be a part of the Sunday league. I would like to play in a day-night game in Eng-

In the mid-1980s, Prichard was thought to have a future in Test cricket. His form fell ever, which be puts down to a loss of confidence. Now, he looks to make 1.000 runs a season "and as many more as ! can".

Separated from his second wife, who has taken their two children back to Australia, he lives in Chelmsford and sells beer in the winter for Ridleys, one of the county's sponsors. The captaincy, though, is proving all-consuming. Paul is fine tactically and improving all the time. Fletcher said. "but he will never stop

Jones affair still hanging over Derbyshire



three wickets

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (second day of three. Derbyshire won tossi: Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 204 runs to beat Pakistan A

THIS is an important week for Derbyshire, and for cricketers everywhere. On Friday, Kim Barnett, the club's former captain, who is contesting a £1,500 fine levied by the club. will take his case to Lord's. where it will be heard by the disciplinary committee of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). If common sense prevails, they must dismiss it.

Barnett's fine relates to unauthorised comments made on radio in the wake of the Dean Jones affair. Jones resigned the club captaincy last month in a huff, citing opposition from senior players to his stewardship. Barnett wished

to present a counter response, from the dressing-room, that people on a matter of genuine public debate. So far, neither he nor anybody else has been able to. Barnett would appear not to

have infringed any board regulations. The guidelines relating to the relevant ECB directive, regarding public statements by players, state that "any comment made must be fair and reasonable and must not involve a personalised attack on another cricketer, umpire. administrator or county".

Derbyshire cricket is in a mess. Jones has departed. Les Stillman has been relieved of all responsibilities as firstteam coach, and Phillip DeFreitas is trying to keep the ship on course as captain until the end of the season.

The key men in this dispute

Sohail back in favour

AAMIR SOHAIL has been recalled by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for the Asia Cup one-day tournament in Sri Lanka next week. Sohail, an opening batsman, has been included in a 14man party, under the captaincy of Ramiz Raja.

A PCB council meeting in Lahore had earlier formally lifted a two-year ban that was imposed on Sohail in April after he accused international team-mates of involvement in betting and match-fixing. The ban was suspended in May after Sohail apologised.

"The nine council members have unanimously decided to call back Aamir Sohail and lift the ban," Waqar Ahmed, the PCB secretary, said.

"I am very happy. I will try my best to perform," Sohail, who has played in 34 Test and 122 one-day internationals. said. "It has always been a great feeling to perform for the country and ians. The past is history, now I just want to concentrate on the game."

Officials said that Saglain Mushtaq. who is playing with Surrey, will join the team in Sri Lanka.

SDUAD: Riemiz Rojo (cuptam), Saeed Anwer (wore captam), Seirin Minik, Irgamam-U-Haid, Aurry Sortal Sagtam Mushkad Shahid Abdo, Mocen Khan, Augh Jawed, Shahid Naza, Kabin Khan, Hasan

prepared to say. Whatever his age, he still looks a jolly good player. Yesterday, in making 96, he looked a batsman of class, and he can only add to his youthful tally of skills by batting on

imbroglio that threatens the On the field, Derbyshire unfamiliar pitches. Dean had have been hosts to the him leg-before in the end, but Pakistan A side, and holding not before he had shown a their own. After conceding a temperament, and a range of first-innings lead of 21 when strokes, that marks him down they lost their remaining three as a player for the future. wickets, they bowled out Paki-Pakistan have a lot of cricket stan for 201. DeFreitas, Devon ahead of them this winter, and Malcolm and Kevin Dean he can expect to play a part. The day belonged to Hasan Raza, the right-handed bats-

In the ten overs left to them last night. Derbyshire made 19 without loss. A win today would give them a timely boost before their NatWest trophy tie against Northamptonshire on Wednesday, and that important meeting on topic of debate. Bone tests on Friday.

Britannie Assurance county championship Glamorgan v Gloucestershire SWANSEA (final day of lour) Glamorgan (24015) beat Gloucestershire (3) by ten wickets

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-84, 3-89, 4-94, 5-102, 6-103, 7-169, 8-183, 9-222. BOWLING Wager Yourne 16 1-3-40-2; Weden 22-8-48-1. Thomas 18-4-40-3;

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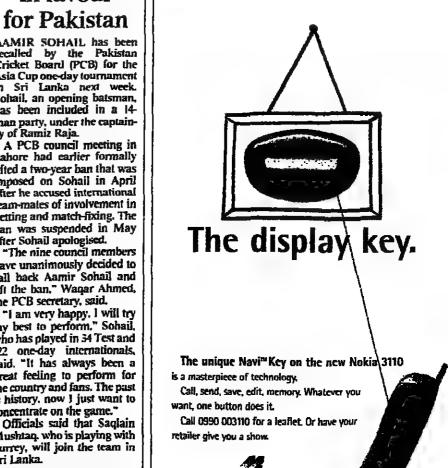
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CYCLING

Champion in trouble as Cipollini takes over

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN FORGES-LES-EAUX

CHRIS BOARDMAN'S spell in the Tour de France yellow jersey proved short-lived after a dramatic opening road race in the Pays de Bray region of Normandy yesterday. Boardman was dethroned from race leadership by a virtuoso sprinting performance from Mario Cipollini, the self-styled "Lion King" of Italian cycling. on the tense 192-kilometre stage to Forges-les-Eaux.

Cipollini, 30, the winner of five stages on the Tour of Italy earlier this year, made up his deficit on Boardman after snatching time bonuses finish and also in a series of intermediate sprints.

However. Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, the defending champion and pre-race fa-

TODAY

SECOND STAGE: St Valery-en-

vourite, suffered a catastrophe in the closing kilometres as Cipollini's team-mates paved the way for his grand finale. A pile-up involving more than 100 riders brought the

a group of 60, including Cipollini and Boardman, slipped clear of the field as chaos reigned behind Stranded behind felled rid-

ers and entangled bikes were Riis. Luc Lebianc. of France, and Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, who started the Tour with five steel pins in his shoulder after another recent fall. While Jan Ullrich and Erik Zabel. Cipollini and Riis's team-mates, battled for position in the closing kilometres.

Riis. Leblanc and Zülle instituted a furious chase to try to make up some of the lost time. front of the race approaching

75kph, the trio of pre-race favourites could only limit their losses to about a minute. Boardman, who rode safely across the line in Cipollini's wake, wisely spent most of the afternoon close to the front of the field and was unconcerned by the loss of race leadership. It would have been futile chasing sprint bonuses against Cipollini," he said. We wanted to defend the jersey if possible, but the race was too unpredictable to control. I wasn't even aware that there had been a crash because we were ahead when it happened. I was just trying to do my job and stay out of trouble all day."

On Saturday evening, Boardman had fulfilled all expectations in the opening prologue time-trial in Rouen when he overcame a strong headwind to take the overall lead for the second time in four

"I'm very relieved," he said after becoming the first Briton to wear the yellow jersey in more than one Tour de France. "There's always lots of pressure during the prologue. Everything depends on what happens in eight minutes. The last time I took the yellow jersey. I didn't really appreciate it, so this is a very special Boardman first led the Tour

in 1994 in his debut professional season, but, in 1995, he crashed out of the race on the opening stage and last year suffered the disappointment of losing on the opening day by two seconds. Yet, with time bonuses on offer every day during the Tour's flat first week. Boardman's tenure of professional cycling's most coveted garment was always likely to be temporary, given the numerous opportunities for sprinters such as Cipollini to snatch the lead before the

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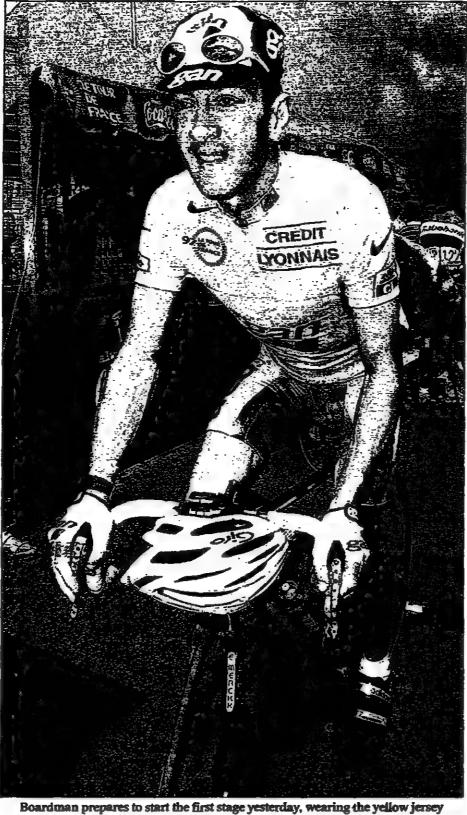
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past year and it's often been

to Vire today, the longest of the Tour, the image-conscious Italian, who once appeared on a winner's podium clad in a white designer suit, will climb aboard a new yellow bike specially built to match his

While the extrovert Cipollini will look to make the most of his turn of speed in the stages heading south to the Pyrenees, Rus was refusing to panic over the worrying start to his title

"I was disappointed to crash, but it's not the end of the world." Riis said. "I've felt enormous pressure over the

too much. I'm just pleased the race has started at lest." In contrast, Leblanc, who crashed out of the Tour of Italy, was unable to remain philosophical about the setback. "I'm so unlucky, it's unbelievable," he said. "I'm what I've done to deserve it."

TOUR DETAILS

RUGBY UNION

Magician who lit up the path to triumph

rugby, concluded at the week-end a 23-year love affair, as player and coach, with the Lions. "We held a five-minute team meeting on Saturday night and that was it — the 1997 Lions had prepared for a est in the morning and a few hours later they were no more," McGeechan said.

McGeechan concedes that he is unlikely to add to his two tours as a player and three as coach, but the bald statistics bear out his place in rugby's pantheon: the series win with the Lions in Australia in 1989, grand-slam success with Scotand and now the series win over the Springboks, only the third side to achieve such a

feat this century.

That, though, is a dry evaluation of McGeechan, II, rather than coach, you app-lied the word guide, you might come nearer to the man. The genuine mentor is one who travels not by the book but by his acceptance that life, sporting life in particular, is an evolutionary process. If there is one lesson that McGeechan has drummed into his charges here, it is that there is always improvement

to be made in performance.
"All you can do is put in place the circumstances in which, if the opportunity arises, your side has the ability to take it." McGeerhan said. There is no pretension: McGeechan, 50, knows that. had these Lions failed — and many believed that they would — his neck would have been on the block because, more than on any previous occasion, this has been his

"If I was going to fail, it was because I chose the rules," McGeechan said. "Everyone David Hands finds British Isles coach

hopeful that the lessons of tour will be put to good use

said this was a crazy tour, with no chance of success, that we would lose the international series 3-0 and he lucky to win half a dozen matches. Now we have won, everyone is finding excuses.

"Having done two Lions tours before, I hadn't expected to get this tour, but I wanted to work with talented players and not come away feeling they hadn't had the opportu-nity to play. I wasn't going to limit what the possibilities were for them. There had to the players to play in the style which was needed."

Fundamental to playing success was the performance of the front-five forwards. McGeechan is frank in his seemment Paul Wallace and Jeremy Davidson, wonderful assets over the past seven weeks, nearly played them-

Australia mauled as Brooke leads charge

AUSTRALIA'S first encounter Umaga, their wing. He found of the summer with New team, proved a costly exercise in advance of their meeting in Sydney next Saturday with England (David Hands writes). Not only did they lose the Bledisloe Cup match 30-13 at Lancaster Park. Christchurch, but also they were stripped of the services of Pat Howard, the centre, whose broken leg will keep him out for three months.

Australia were well pared after winning their home series with France 2-0, but for long periods they were simply closed out of the game. The All Blacks scored the try

of the match from deep inside their own 22, just before the interval. Australia lost possession and the New Zealand backs created an opening for support on halfway and Spen-cer sent Kronfeld in for his

it was a good day for the All Blacks' back row with Zinzan Brooke, celebrating his fiftieth scoring two tries; his second opening a 30-6 gap that Horan (playing his fiftieth game for Australia) reduced with their solitary try of the contest.

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ionship collapsed, but the Lions watched individuals over a long-term basis, checked with club coaches on the character of players and judged whether they would be able to sustain their effort for

eight weeks.
"We had to have overall pace and a group of players who, under pressure, weren't going to take their bats away and who, after six weeks, didn't want to be somewhere our players that in my head was not the winning of the test series, but that, in the room, there was enough knowledge and understanding so long as we kept an open mind about

what was possible. There were two parallel trademarks we needed to attach to the 1997 Lions. One was the whole-team perfor-mance in defence which we hadn't seen before, that could be sustained for minute after minute and never lost its shape. The other was the attacking lines, working off the body language of players, positioning, regrouping, all against the coaching manual.

o channels, no running straight - we believe to be their strength but we wanted our players to react to what they could see in work and disciplined thinking to produce a game which is so fluid. It's not a game which can be played by ten, or 12, all 15 have to understand

what is happening.
"I would be disappointed if the strong personalities in this party didn't influence the approach when they get back home. There will be problems

- how our administrators perceive the game, how our referees officiate — but we have a great opportunity. We have proved we can play consistently well, against different opposition with a British game which is the accumulation of many things. But it has not been copied, it is a game we know suits our players. The more you do it, the more unpredictable you become because every time it's different, and, if it's subbing off,

McGeechan believes that a higher level than five nations' is necessary if British players are to challenge successfully their southern-hemisphere counterparts, though only in a properly-structured environment. The magic of the Lions is what the Lions are - the drawing together of four countries to play for a certain amount of time and produce an environment for our players which doesn't exist anywhere else, he said. Now it will be for other magicians to

Patrick lends a helping hand

THE young are often selfish. This is particularly true of ambitious competitors who are often trying to fulfil their physical ability while under essure in exams.

It is easy for many of them to exclude any responsibilities to their families, schools and communities because they would be a distraction from . the need to succeed. However, sport is not just about winning matches and races. It is about being committed to physical activity as something intrinsically worthwhile and frequently about helping other people to use their talents.

What is so cheering about the BBC Radio 5 Live's Pas-



Patrick: thinks ahead

that it is not really about selecting the country's premier performers in schools' sport; it is about outstanding enthusiasm and participation in a variety of areas.

Many of the L000-plus entries have a talented sporting pedigree. However, what they also have to demonstrate is a genuine feeling for sport, sometimes in the face of acute disadvantages. Of the ten finalists, six girls and four boys,

from whom the winner will be chosen this week, two have also overcome disabilities. What the nine judges, who include Trevor Brooking, Sarah Hardcastle, Denise Lewis and Manhew Pinsent. must identify is commitment

in participation, speciating, coaching, officiating and fund-raising or charity work.

The oldest of the finalists in a: competition restricted to pupils aged between II and 16 Katharine Patrick, from Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School, Lincolnshire. It is the school where Baroness Thatcher was educated, be-

coming head girl in 1943.

A losen athlete and hockey player, Patrick, 16. plays or trains often twice daily, but, more particularly, she devotes time to helping others. She helps with riding for the disabled, guides the under-12s in hockey practice and, as captain of athletics, organises beginners' cross-country, ses-

Gillian Briggs, the head of PE at the 1,030-strong school, said: "Katharine is totally dependable. She thinks ahead. If it is likely to rain, she has already worked out whether the gym is free and where the girls can exercise indoors. She has rare qualities of leadership, making the girls believe in themselves. It is no good having a shy little flower as captain of a sport. You need someone who can lead and communicate. Baroness Thatcher would certainly approve of such sentiments.

Patrick mixes her sporting ambitions with helping the younger pupils. "It is nice to see them benefit." she said. "It is so rewarding."

Entries for the competition involve completing a detailed diary for two weeks of the year. She is engagingly self-effacing, recording: Of all



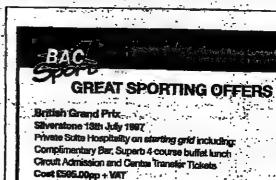
IN SCHOOLS

events , javelin is the one I find most difficult and today I only succeeded in making my teacher [who was genumely doing her best to help] laugh.

Patrick runs regularly with Grantham AC. "When I am. training with adults. I some-times feel that I can never keep

Once she got caught up with helping a friend to exercise and groom her pony, so she arrived home much later than expected. "I think my Mum thought I'd.

thought I'd run away from home," she said. Patrick wants to become a doctor. With such compassion, self-organisation and evidem intelligence, the medical pro-



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pearing into the distance." After one training session from school she recalls: "We returned to school totally soaked and promptly got told off by the dinner-lady for making the corridor wet with fession should welcome her.

Bold Lions limp home with heads held high

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A MINION

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT. IN JUHANNESBURG

IN THE end, the British Isles could not emblazon a memory in the cool night air over Ellis Park on Saturday. They went down in the final match of their tour, trying to play the rugby that has so surprised and enraptured South Africans out failing to discover the vital spark of creativity in midfield that might have uplocked the defence, leaving the relieved Springboks the lift in morale that they need before.

their tri-nations series begins.

The international series (and the aptly-named Lion Challenge Cup), however, goes to the Lions 2-1. The knowledge that their objective had been achieved already will also have played its part in depriving the Lions of that mental edge which threw up so staunch a defence in the two previous games. ...

This was a messy, thoughtless international, indifferently referred, until the closing stages, when South Africa scored two tries of genuine quality. It was no coincidence, either, that it was far and away the most ill-disciplined match of the four. This was the product of a team desperate for success against players desperate for a rest, afflicted by a wave of injuries and illness that even on the morn-

was Johnson, the Lions captam, and the relatively unfamiliar sight of players piling into each other hittered the game. Garvey, the Natal prop. left the field with blood streaming from a head wound near the end. Amid it all, the nagging feeling remained that, even though they came close to the record 20-point margin of defeat sustained by the 1962 Lions in their final



Guscott: arm injury

international, the 1997 Lions were far from victory. They took charge of the middle period of the game and polled up to be trailing only 23-16. No more than five minutes of proper time re-mained when South Africa's young backs managed at last to use their superior pace effectively, each of the wings scoring a try.

Inconsistent though he has been on this tour, it would

Anxious Rowell waits to count final cost

tions for the international on Saturday with Australia at the (David Hands writes). The swath of injuries accumulated during the last formight of the Lions' tour has reduced considerably the players whom he

honed to have available. Tony Underwood, who damaged a hip muscle during the third and final international against South Africa, hopes through injury include Martin Johnson, Jason Leonard, Kyran Bracken and Will Pat Howard.

JACK ROWELL, the England Greenwood, as well as Jeremycoach, will count anxiously - Guscott, who opted for domestomorrow the number of Brit ... it's reasons not to go on to ish Isles players arriving in: Australia before breaking a Sydney to join the prepara-bone in his left forearm on Saturday: That will deprive England

> that he has suffered no inconvenience, probably faces a en's shoulder mjury, sustained in : Welkom last Tuesday, has caused him discomfort. Nor will there by any comfort in the fact that Jason Little should have recovered from a damaged hip in time to play in the Australia midfield, instead of the injured

warned for indiscipline, as Scotland stand-off half, had to cede his place to Catt, who game rather than taking the ball himself into the yawning gaps left closer to the setpieces. Had he done so, Catt, who so wanted to be part of a found Back at his elbow and South Africa might have been

themselves up to scything tackles from a defence that, for all the criticism of Carel du Plessis's selection, have conceded only three tries while scoring nine. Even as strong a player as Gibbs found himself cornered, while Bentley's cross-field runs were all up blind alleys. The most pene-trative Lions back was Bateman, the replacement for Guscott, who broke a bone in his forearm late in the first half. By that time, Underwood, the one back with genuine pace, had left the field with a strained hip muscle.

found themselves a reliable goalkicker, too. De Beer gave them the comfort of two early penalty goals from three attempts and the conversion of Monigomery's try. The try was the product of a forward pass between the South Africa half backs, that went unobserved by Wayne Erickson. That the Lions defenders halted in anticipation of a scrum was not to their credit, but it was a vital score that pushed South Africa into a 13-0 lead.

By the interval, however; demons were back, induced by Jenkins, Three times he aimed at goal - twice after dangerous play — and three times he found the target on his way to a Lions series record of 41 points, passing Gavin Hastings's 38 in New Zealand in 1993.

Another referee might have judged that Rossouw knocked on as he went for Dawson's clearance soon after the interval, but Erickson decided that the ball had come off his shoulder and the defence was

When De Beer converted and added a further penalty goal, South Africa seemed on their way to a comfortable success, but the Lions, in their best phase of the game, re-duced the gap. Cant charged down De Beer's kick, Gibbs charged on and Dallaglio, out of position at No 8, and Wainwright both came close before Dawson dummied a way through Had Bateman's pass



Strydom tries to force his way through the Lions lineout but is held up by Johnson

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Instead, they produced a classic score of their own, Venter making the charge in midfield going right and tapped, but still able to feed Snyman, and Bentley's tackle came too late to prevent the score. Honiball's presence in midfield gave South Africa a strength that they had lacked and Rossouw, on the end of a chain of passes, always had the beating of Jenkins as he

crossed for the fourth. "I would rate these Lions among the top four in world rugby, along with New Zea-

land, Australia and South Africa," Du Plessis, the South Africa coach, said. "The new must be passed on to the home unions. It's important it doesn't die a sudden death." today, drained but fulfilled, that is the challenge for a new

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Touring team assured of bright future

could and would continue in to New Zealand in 1993 was disappointing: there were question marks then and before coming to South Africa over how the Lions fit into the

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new era. No longer. However, we still have to look at when a Lions tour should fit in and how long the amount of these players are going on to Australia with England. When they return, they will have two weeks off and then be expected to start training for the new season. That cannot continue. Everybody in the professional game has to get together and look at

On this tour, the Lions have made a statement that they still have an important part to play in the game. The players. supporters and sponsors all give credit to this group for having achieved that, because

they have probably saved Lions rugby for the future. The third international itself proved just too much. With ten minutes left, the Lions were still in the game at 23-16, but the mental and physical effort that they had put in on the tour took its toll. It was a magnificent match, which ebbed and flowed. The great thing about the Lions was that their effort was phenomenal even if some of the attacking play from both sides was a bit loose.

The Lions had said that they wanted to play some positive rugby. They did that to a degree, but they were not as clinical as they had been in the provincial games. They made an awful number of mistakes, particularly in the first 20 minutes, trying to play this style of rugby at interna-tional level, and the pace meant that they were making errors and forcing passes.

They gave the initiative to the Springboks in the first quarter. Unfortunately, they scored only one try because od. It the Lions had more continuity and not forced too many things, they would have done better. They made it a bit too easy for the Springboks, but, despite that, the South Africans were flattered by the scoreline.

If it had finished 23-16, that

would have been a fair reflection, but, when playing the type of rugby that the Lions were trying to play when behind, especially in the second half, there is always a





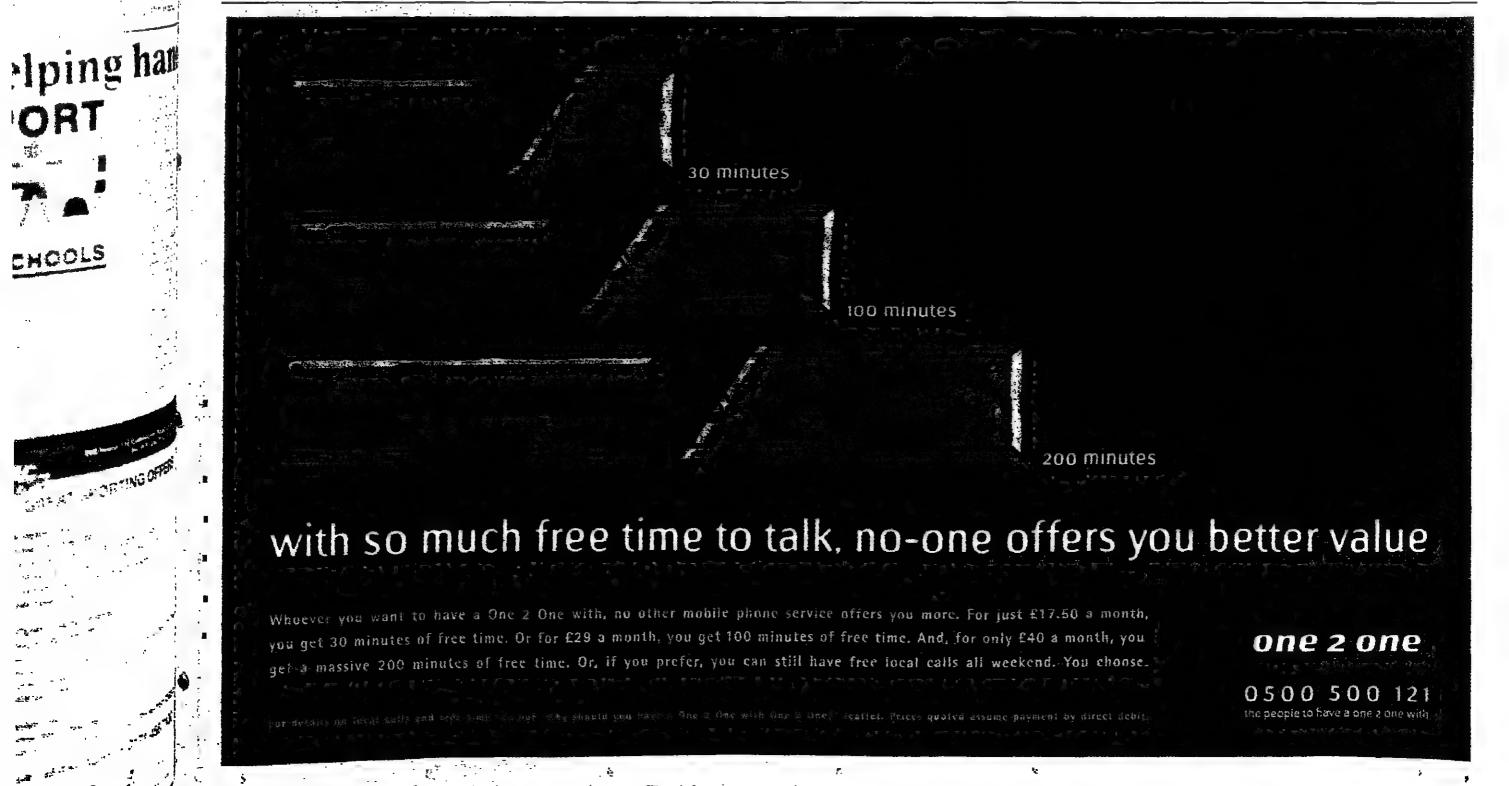
At Ellis Park

danger of letting in a couple of tries and that is what hap pened - two breaks, good finishing, but, by the 76th tired bodies.

The referee was not good, either. The Lions were not happy having Wayne Erickson as the referee and he sions and let the South Africa forwards get away with a lot of skulduggery. The first try was ridiculous — the ball clearly went a long way forward and Jannie de Beer was standing four yards in Westhuizen when he picked up the ball and passed for the try. A lot of decisions did not go with the Lions, but interna-tional rugby is all about swings and roundabouts. They had a lot of luck the it did not go their way.

verall, it has been a magnificent tour for British rugby and for world rugby. The southern hemisphere needs Britain to be strong, otherwise it beand people will lose interest. They have been refreshing in the way they have taken the game to the opposition and they have given British rugby a boost because we have shown that we have some very

talented players.
It is difficult to single out individuals. Not one player has let himself down — but a tion. Tom Smith is one, Paul Wallace another, also Jeremy Miller, although he did not play much in the internationals - and Scott Gibbs lived up to his reputation. It has been one of those tours where everybody performed to the top of his game, which is why they have been able to win the wash. Not even New Zealand managed that last year.



New generation allows Irish reason to smile

land Under-20 team, managed by Brian Kerr, took third place in the world championship in Malaysia on Saturday. they celebrated one of the finest achievements by an Ireland side in international competition. Argentina, the holders, who beat Uruguay 2-1 in the final, had only just squeezed past Ireland 1-0 in the semi-finals

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Especially heartening was that this was, for once, a genuine Irish team, all but a couple of its members having been born in Ireland, For all the mighty fears of Jack Charlton's senior teams, some of the gut was taken off the gingerbread by their opportunist make-up, those accents of London, Glasgow and Lancashire mingling freely with Having beaten Ghana 2-1 in

the third place play-off at the weekend, it would be a fine thing if these resourceful young Irish players strode onwards together to compose the senior team - and a very good thing, too, if their English clubs proceed to give them first-team chances. Roy Hodgson, who, after his traumatising time as coach with Internazionale, has taken over Blackburn Rovers, has found three of that under-20 team on his books - David Worrell, the big defender, and Damien Duff and Thomas Morgan, the midfield players. Huddersfield Town also had three players in the squad — Derek O'Connor, the goalkeeper, who frequently denied Argentina, Stephen Murphy, the midfield player who so nearly equalised in the final moments of the semi-final, and Robbie

Ryan, the defender. Given that 17 of their firstchoices were unavailable, among them Emile Heskey, of Leicester City, and Rio Ferdinand, of West Ham United, the England Under-20 players acquitted themselves honourably, solid rather than in-





Overseas view

spired, resolute in defence. Michael Owen, the Liverpool prodigy, in attack and Danny Murphy, the midfield player developed by Crewe Alexandra, are surely players for the future. It was somewhat surprising to find Ted Powell in charge of the team, though perhaps he has had a Damascene conversion since he preached the old Charlie Hughes long-ball gospel. Having scored 20 goals in a

couple of early group games, Brazil, their attack led by the prodigious Adailton - who may eventually find his way to Parma in Serie A — went out to Argentina, who themselves had been beaten in the group stages by Australia. Brazil had the best of that match territorially, but Argentina beat them with two late goals on the

Antonio Barroso, the Brazil Under-20 coach, took defeat well. "Justice has nothing to do with football," he said. "There is simply a winner and a loser and we missed too many chances to deserve to be winners. We came here to win, but also to show why Brazil is four-times champion of the world. This we did."

Perhaps the moral of a fascinating tournament is that it is foolish to generalise about

the game. Players from the British Isles will seldom match the South Americans for sheer technique, but they emphatically have their own

Adailton might still, despite his and Barroso's scepticism, reach Brazil's 1998 World Cup squad, Romário and Ronaldo are clearly untouchable as the preferred strikers, but how long can Mario Zagallo, the coach, continue his lion-tamer act with Edmundo? Nicknamed "The Animal", Edcountless red cards in the course of his career and could have been sent off again in the final of the lop-sided Copa America, when Bolivia, the hosts, were beaten 3-1 in La Paz. He struck an opponent, but got away with it.

Denilson, Brazil's latest revelation, is still only 19 and could thus have played in the under-20 championship in Malaysia. His dazzling emergence at the Tournoi de France earlier this summer means that Juninho is now only third in line for the attacking mid-field role, the talented but Djalminha, the son of the former Brazil centre back, Djalma Dias, being the second.

Juninho will now be making bullets to fire at Atlético Madrid for Christian Vieri, the Italy international. Vieri, a big striker, has just left Juventus for a £16 million fee, his own salary quintupled. All those emphatic denials by Juve that they would not sell him were very properly discounted at the time.

The brusque intervention of the European Union, overruling Flfa, football's world governing body, means that Inter have definitely prised Ronaldo away from Barcelona. Indeed, he is already in training with them. He could, however, miss 15 championship games next season to fulfil internacommitments tional



Croquet shifts the rock of ages

orget everything that you may have heard about croquet. It is not cucumber sandwiches with the crusts off; more like genteel and highly tactical

war with the gloves off. Forget, too, all that claptrap about the game only being played by elderly buffers on the vicarage lawn. It is no longer British Raj, long, cool Pimms and peppery colonels. Nobody plays this game bet-ter in the late Nineties than the young, and they are

Rather like golf used to be, croquet is perceived as a game for the elite, not the masses. Mention the game to Mr and Mrs Public and all the little Publics and ask them if they might consider giving the game a try, and they will respond in an entirely predictable way: "Croquet? No, thanks — too complicated, too remote and certainly too darned expensive. A game for toffs, croquet." Not so, apparently.

Half a day spent in the company of Paul Campion, the secretary of The Croquet Mel Webb on the youth movement that is transforming a sporting relic of the Raj

Association, on the first day of the British Open champnship at the Hurlingham Club yesterday, was time well spent. Without Campion, it would have been possible to have sat at ringside and not understood a blind thing that was going on in this most technical of games. Even might as well have been

talking Urdu. Like all games, croquet is simple when reduced to its most basic. It consists of a lawn measuring 35 yards by 28, six hoops, four flags, one peg that stands in the middle of the six hoops and four balls and a mallet apiece. The alm is to get the balls through the hoops and, eventually, into contact with the peg.

No game worth its salt

could be that absurdly easy, however. If it was, nobody would play it. Rather, it is a game of infinite subtleties that contains some of the

knowledge of angles needed to play spooker and all the strategic elements of chess. Like snooker and chess, when played at the highest level, it takes but one mistake to expose the jugular to a fusual-

ly) unforgiving opponent. The opponents are getting unger. Robert Fulford three times the world champion and the title-holder at Hurlingham, is 27; Chris Clarke, the present world champion, 26.

l mouet has an image that has made it open house for the snide and the jokey, but these young men are moving it rapidly away from that. The people who run the

game are working hard to spread the word that theirs is a professionally run, serious sport. It is estimated that upwards of 400,000 people play the game in the United Kingdom, many in one of the

country's 130 clubs, many more on the back lawn. It is possible to be fulled by

the gentle click of mallet against ball; possible to allow the arcane technical terms of the game - roquet, croquet, triple peel - to wash gently through the mind. The game has a slow but definite rhythm, and occasionally it resembles a cobra's death dance - but just watch if an error is made. These chaps are unforgiving of mistakes

— they make the cobra look positively soporific with the

speed of the strike. They are supremely accurate, too. The boops are only a sixteenth of an inch wider than the ball. Nick Faklo does not have to be anything like that accurate to sink a putt, Darren Gough not that straight to hit the stumps, Ken Doherty not that dead-eyed to pot a ball. They and their ilk might smile slightly condescendingly if they were invited to play a game of croquet. Don't snigger, chaps - it's more difficult than it looks. Pass the cucumber

SAILING

MacArthur emerges as potential new star

By EDWARD GORMAN CALLING CONDESPONDENT

SOME people will say: "Tenth, what's the big deal?" Maybe, in the long run they will be right. However, if you are looking for a new star in British short-handed ocean racing, you may not have to look much further than Ellen MacArthur, who celebrates

her 21st birthday this week. Two months ago she did not even have a boat; now she is a veteran. While the rain may have been causing havoc at Wimbledon last week, MacArthur and Keith Willis, her crew, were having a ball in Le Poisson, using the same weather systems to power their way back to France from the

Fastnet Rock.
The Mini-Fastnet, from Trébeurden, in Brittany, to the Rock and back, a course of some 600 miles, was MacArthur's first taste of Miniracing and the first of two big tests before the single-handed Mini-Transatlantic, which starts later this year.

The race saw 27 starters, il of whom retired, including Mark Turner, the other entry from Great Britain, in Carphone Warehouse. The contest divided into a long three-day beat up to the Rock and then a fast run back, with the 21-footers reaching incredible speeds of up to 19 knots and averaging 14 knots for hours at a time.

MacArthur experienced the reality of being in a small, ridiculously fast and overpowered boat, offshore for days at a time. Down below, the canting-keel casing leaves no room for anything except wet sails. The mast was leaking and everything was soaked including MacArthur, who cat-napped on wet sails and had to bail every hour and before tacking to try to keep one side of the boat dry enough to store charts.

. Despite these problems, she has every confidence in her boat. "I'm quite pleased; it was my first sail and I feel the boat is so strong; she went through a hell of a test," she

in the BT Global Challenge. the surprise leader round waypoint Alpha, 800 miles down the track from Boston, was David Tomkinson's 3Com, which has been a middle-of-the-fleet boat until

After a mustratur patch, the 14 yachts now have more breeze, though the field is still tightly bunched, with just 56 miles separating first from last. Group 4, the overall leader, was handily placed in

Players aim for top as tempo steps up

WITH the mental trauma of GCSEs over, the Dathatsu Junior Golf Tour, run in association with The Times, is gearing itself for its busiest weeks of the season. Ten events on the three circuits that make up the tour are being held in the next six weeks, and the tempo is stepping up as players make their push for the top of the orders

Meanwhile, the only event held in recent weeks, the National Tour event held at Hillside last week, was a gripping affair, with three players finishing equal on 73, one over par. The countback of the last nine holes brought victory for Tony Keeton.

Keeton, who plays at Matten Hall, followed his success at the same course last year by beating James Dickinson, of Saffron Walden, and Karl Johnson, the Frilford Heath youngster, who won



Daniel Springate, whose father, Colin, is the tournament director, turned in a fine 74, as did Adrian Asprey, of

With three events having been played on the National

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the national event last season. Tour, which comprises the elite players in the competition the other two circuits are for players based in the south and north - the first leaderboard has been issued, and shows that Johnson is making a

lively defence of his title.

has been taken by Adam Ward, of Whittington Heath and Gareth Gillatt, of Rossendale. They have a stroke average of 74.0, and they are followed by Dickinson, who has an average of

Outstanding dates for the rest of July and August include a visit by Northern Tour players to Wynyard Hall, owned by Sir John Hall, the owner of Newcastle United Football Club and Newcastle Rugby Club.

He is equal fourth alongside Keeton, while the leadership

htrid on countback, 74: D Springate (Ferndown), A Asprey (Bransfor), 76: D Clerk (Richmond), P Smith (Molerminster), H Partil (Shewood Forus), 79: M Hamphride (Whitengton Heath), 77: A Angus (North Harits), C Stevenson (Whitington Heath), 78: A Pye (Bransfee), R Spance (Funess), I Hoder (York), N Bannett (Middeminster), J Rawlins (West Melling), 78: E Vernon (Branston), J Wood (Collingtne Park), N Lomes (Northrop), J Cook (Woburn), M Lewis (Sundridge Park),

BOXING

Collins is seeking to unify title

the considerable shock being knocked down after 12 seconds to make a successful seventh defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight title in Glasgow on Saturday night. Collins, whose long-term aim is to unify the title, looked sluggish against Craig Cum-mins, of the United States, but eventually won in the third

A partisan crowd at Kelvin Hall was silenced when Collins was knocked down for only the third time in his professional career by the unknown American. Collins recovered to knock down Cummins in the second round, but not before slipping to the canvas again.

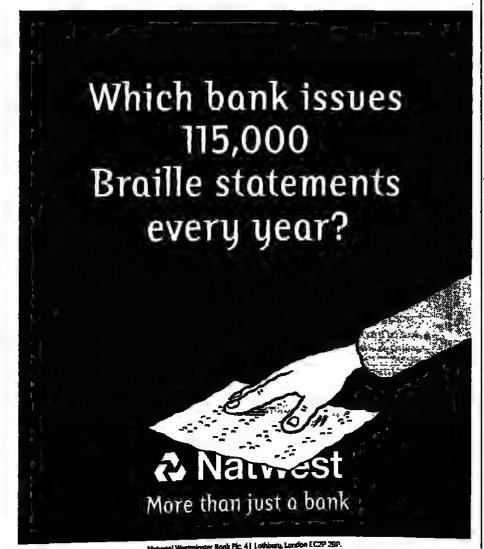
However, When Collins opened up after another knockdown in the third round, Cummins's legs had gone and Roy Francis, the referee, was

STEVE COLLINS survived perfectly correct in stopping mated him, but with hindsight

the contest. Collins was frank in putting his lacklustre performance down to a lack of motivation. "When he hit me, he caught be totally by surprise," he said. It was a cracking shot, I believed I hadn't underesti-

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Frank Warren, his promoter, is keen on pushing Collins towards a unification bout with Frankie Liles, the World



SPEEDWAY

Louis expects tough test from Australia

BY TONY HOARE

JOHN LOUIS, the England team manager, is apprehensive about a new-look Australia team in the Sportslines international series that begins this Friday evening at Belle Vue.

The Manchester track will stage the first of three meetings. Last year, England won two of the clashes and drew It will be the 26th series

between the countries in England; their opening clash in 1930 was the first-ever international speedway match. The home side have won 20 of the encounters: Australia's last victory was two years ago. .

Louis is expecting a stern challenge from the Australians, who will be led by Craig Boyce, the national champion, Leigh Adams and Jason

Mark Loram, the British champion, will spearhead the England challenge with Chris Louis, the British No 2, and Joe Screen, a former track record-holder at Belle Vue from his days riding for the Louis said: "I am looking

forward to the series; it has

been a knockout over the past couple of seasons and the team strengths are very even, but the Australian team is very strong as they are brought up here in England. There will be no home advantage for us as

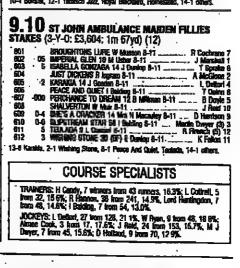
they know all the tracks." The venues and dates for the second and third internationals are still under review because of world championship qualifier commitments the night before the scheduled third meeting at Eastbourne on September 18.

The third round of the world championship grand prix at Landshut in Germany was postponed because of heavy rain on Saturday.

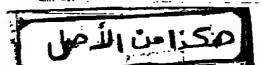


7.40 A O N GROUP LTD HANDICAP 4-1 Chastona Figur, 5-1 Silver Lining, 8-1 Paddy's Rice, 10-1 Clauds fill, Nooprul, Tutsa, 12-1 Wissparing David, Donner, Delight Of Down, 14-1 others









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Fallon loses ride on Bosra Sham in wake of Eclipse

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

ride Bosra Sham again after the tactical blunder which contributed to her defeat in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday. I understand that Wafic Said, her owner, is now looking for a more experienced big-race jockey, not only for Bosra Sham, the outstanding winner of last year's 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes, but also Lady Carla, his other

morrow. Although Fallon's mistake. which involved going for an impossible run between Benmy The Dip and the far rail at a ny The Dip and the far rail at a vital stage of the race, sealed the jockey's fate, it is known there has been concern for a few weeks about his suntability to ride some horses in Henry Cecil's yard.

Stakes at Newmarket to-

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The prompt decision will inevitably focus attention on the future of Fallon as Cecil's stable jockey, especially as the trainer champion trainer. in the yesterday gave vent in the strongest possible terms to his.

KIEREN FALLON will not intense disappointment at her pride has obviously been Bosra Sham's defeat. Al-though he did not mention Fallon by name, Cecil left no sad. Disappointing is the doubt as to whom he blames for the upset involving the best horse he has trained.

"She was very well and had never been better in her life." Cecil said. In the circumstances she might as well have stayed at home. She was asked the impossible and you can't do that. She has had a hard race for nothing. Bosra Sham has come out of the race as well as you could expect but

Fallon: blundered

by which time Pilsudski, the winner, had flown. It is difficult to say after such a tactical race with a slow early pace whether, without the error of judgment. Bosra Sham would have beaten Pilsudski. What is certain is that Fallon's folly prevented her from having a chance of winning.

However, Cecil was in no doubt the outcome would have been different had she been ridden otherwise. He was reported as saying: "She was beaten a length and a quarter. If she had dictated she would

dented. She has been abused,

haso't she? I think it is very

immediately after the race, Cecil watched a television replay on a screen outside the

Sandown weighing-room and shook his head in disbelief as

Fallon made his ill-fated move just under three furlangs from

the winning post. After failing to get through on the inside of

Benny The Dip, Fallon was forced to snatch up the filly before pulling to the outside —



Pilsudski takes an eventful Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday from Benny The Dip and Bosra Sham, right

have won six lengths. I am not going to say who is to blame, it s obvious. I think the whole thing is so appalling and if people don't have the eyes to see it they should not go racing but go to the theatre or something else instead." A dejected Fallon insisted

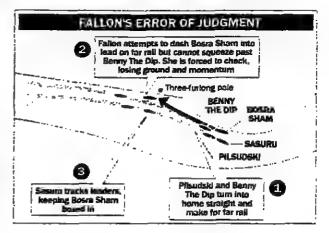
his tactics had not cost Bosra Sham the hundredth running of the Eclipse. He said the slow early gallop, combined with being trapped on the rail behind Benny The Dip and Pilsudski, with Sasuru on his outside, presented him with a predicament. "I had to chalfenge when I did. There was no

gallop and there was no point sitting any longer. Michael Hills Jon Sasurul was on my outside so I could not go out there. The only way to go was where there was a gap. Take a close look and see what else I

could have done." Although it is always easy to be wise after the event, Fallon's problems arose from allowing himself to be boxed in shortly after the stalls opened. Had he made sure Bosra Sham, rather that Pilsudski, tailed Benny The Dip he would have avoided traffic problems and could, as Cecil would appear to be suggesting, have made the running if he thought the early pace was

Pat Eddery, who rode Bosra Sham and Lady Carla when they won their respective classics, is the likely favourite to take over from Fallon - if and when he is available. Tomorrow, he is booked to ride Celeric, the Gold Cup winner, so cannot partner Lady Carla.

Tailon was beaten into second on Baroon in the group one BMW Deutsches Derby at Hamburg yesterday. Borgia, one of Bruno Schutz's five runners, prevailed by a neck.



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Sandown Park Going: good to soft, good in places. 2.15 (7) 18yd) 1, Almicarystol g. Delori, 3-41, 2, Ray 8 Foly (23, 7); 2, Marrar (14-1); Mutahan 2-1 tax. 10 ran. Nr. 3L 5 bin Surcor. Toler 23 60: \$1.50, \$2.90, \$1.20, DF \$20 10. Two \$02.50 CSF \$7.132.

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(5-1); 3. Genucis (5-1) Mortes (13-6); 4.

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7.20 1 Silver Strand (Evens Lav); 2, Constant Atlantion (11-4); 3, Zana (6-1), 7 fan. remount (11-6): 3, Zena (5-1); 7 and 7.50 1, Welcome Suneri (8-1): 2, Facsimie (100-30): 3, Bendbox (8-4, F-tex) Mountain Magic 9-4 (1-tex) 7 ran, NR. Zeppo, 8-20, 1, Rates A. Prince, (12-1); 2, Night Capp (6-1): 3, Select Star (20-1); Kraddonski, 87 fav. 14 gm. #7 fav 14 gm. #501, Becret Bellioi (11-4), 2 Silvary (18-1); 3, Poker Phincess (5-2 km), 9 ran. 9,00 T. Sathon Rose (5-1), 2 Linden's Lat. B-11: 3, Star Turn (11-4). Around Fore Allest 5-2 km, 12 ran. NR. Two BBs. ☐ Wolverhampton called off bacause of

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3.30 Hill Magic, 4.00 Northern Drums, 4.30 ASTRAL INVADIER (nap), 5.00 Imperial Scholar; Privide Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 GO FOR SALT.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent; 3,00-Go For Salt.

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2.00 KNOCKDOWN SELLING HANDICAP (£2,360: 1m 5l 22yd) (13 runners)

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5.00 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-0: £3,079: 1m 2f 46yd) (10)

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8.25 TAYLOR WOODROW HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,380: 61) (11)

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8.55 BONDGATE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,145; 1m 4f 60yd) (6)

2000 MARADI 18 (0) M Bell 9-7 M Fenton 3
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-030 MON DOPLOWER 19 D Behre 8-8 T Williams 1
-030 SANETHAY 26 K Hogg 8-5 D McKnown 5
-030 CAPTARN FLINT 7 (0.5) A Smith 7-10 Goog R Winston (7) 2 18-11 Red Edge: 5-2 Marci, 6-1 Selling, 8-1 Capino Flot, 25-1 olivo 9.25 KIPKEATE MAIDEN STAKES (53,436: 1m) (9)

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MUSSELBURGH

2.15 Tangerine Flyer 2.45 Zamhares 3.15 KNW

3.45 Kilnamartyra Girl 4.15 Broctune Gold 4.45 Suedoro

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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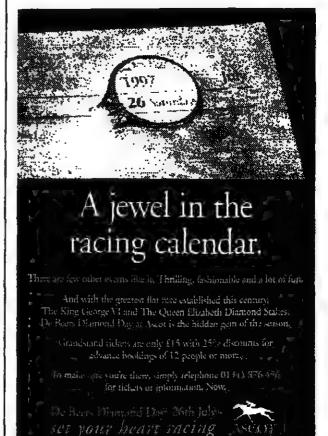
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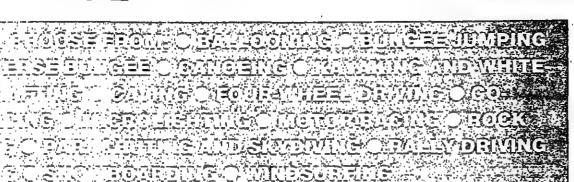
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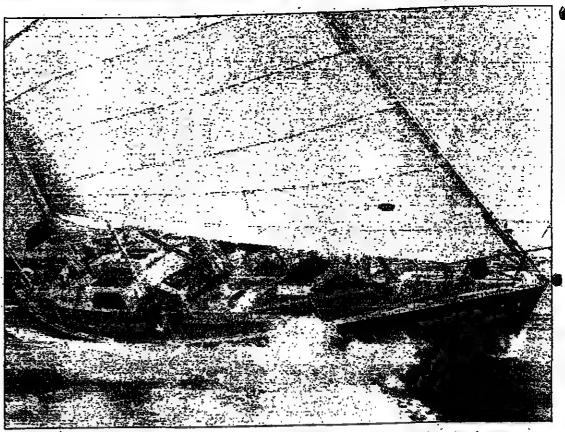
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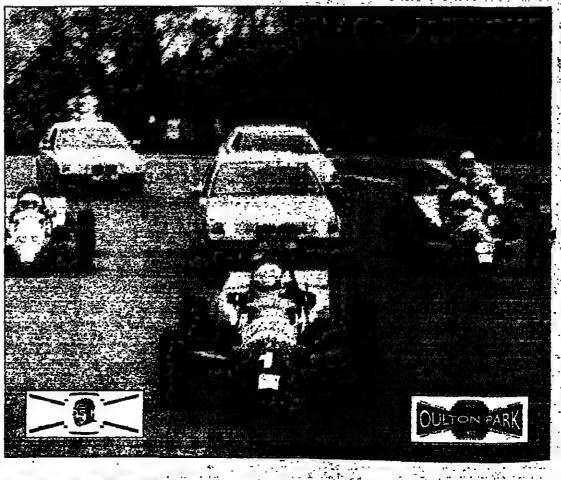
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ROWING: REDGRAVE PROVIDES THE FOCAL POINT BUT COX GATHERS THE PLAUDITS



Deakin steers into the spotlight

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE REDGRAVE won his sixteenth Henley medal yes-terday when the British World Cup coxiess four captured the Stewards' Cup, giving an un-usual exhibition of power rowing at 50 strokes a minute at the finish. Redgrave weighs lost 91b, but it was John Deakin, an 8st 3lb coxswain, who stole the limelight

Deakin, described by Brian Armstrong, the former Great Britain rowing manager, as an inspirational steersman who can draw the last drops of energy from his men" did just that, twice. In the Ladies' Challenge Plate, Deakin was coxing the reshuffled British lightweight eight, facing the unbeaten, much heavier, Washington University crew, The lightweights managed to lead to halfway before the Huskies drew them back to level at the Mile and Eighth and inched ahead. Dealdn

From Mr David Simms

Sir. The impact of People's Sunday" at Winipledon should serve a possible message to the All England Chub that this bold exercise is wants repeating annually. Irrespective of contingencies dictated by weather. The undoubted tide of prochail that agnited by

tide of goodwill that would be

generated would go a long

way to offsetting some of the

negative perceptions of the

Obtaining tickets, particu-

larly for show courts, is very

much the preserve of deben-

ture holders, members of ten-

nis clubs and a vastly

oversubscribed public ballot.

The standard prices, when coupled with transport costs

from outside London, are be-

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tournament."

foot. Deaking had done a similar service for Notting-hamaBC earlier in the Thames Cup eights. Neptune, the hold-ers from Ireland, looked set for an encore when they led by a length approaching the En-closures on the favoured Berkshire station. Deakin's inspiration, and the Midlanders response reduced the deficit remarkably. the last three strokes giving a

two-toot win

Speciators were treated to the unusual spectacle yesterday of an all-British Diamond Sculls final, last seen in 1983 when Steve Redgrave beat Tim Crooks. Greg Searle, Britain's heavyweight pro-duced a sparkling semi-final win over Jamie Koven, America's best, while Peter Haining, Britain's lightweight, put his unselected status and a series of foreign and domestic heavyweights behind him, to lace Seatle on the start. Searle, maturing rapidly as

a sculler, duly won. The Enclosures missed the best of the Women's Sculls final, situated as they are just

SPORTS LETTERS

disapproving of the press coverage claimed to be the true

tennis fans" (their argument

seemed often to be based on

the fact they had paid a higher

sum for their tickets). Surely,

anyone who loves tennis is a

If the exciting exploits of Henman, Rusedski, Wilkin-

son, etc., are to broaden the

base of tennis in this country,

as the Lawn Tennis, Associ-

ation hopes, then opening out public access to Wimbledon

can only enhance this process.

The LTA, in fact, generously

supplied free ground passes

for children from inner-city

Liverpool International Youth

tennis schemes this year.)

Yours sincerely, DAVID SIMMS.

Project Director.

Tennis Centre,

Liverpool 15.

Wellington Road,

true tennis fan

People's day should become annual event

Henley '97



Brandin, of Sweden, four times winner at Henley, led Guin Batten, Britain's Olympic sculler, by just over two lengths at the Barrier and Fawley, not a great distance in a sculling boat, and Batten was at the lower rate. Both scullers were working hard, although Brandin's blade clearly pushed

From Mr Raymond Layard

Sir. So, "frustrated spectators"

have called for Wirnbledon's

ticketing system to admit

more "genuine fans". Oh dear!

a. "People's Sunday" to be watched by a crowd admitted

on a first-come-first-served ba-

sis is splendid. However, last

Sunday this produced an at-

mosphere, in Tim Henman's

match, more like the Roman

arena than sedate Wimble-

don. The spectators (and tele-

vision commentators) never

gave his opponent an ounce of

credit for a courageous

performance.

Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND LAYARD,

15 Greycoat Place, SW1.

symbols of disunity, but in

reality rivalries demonstrated

in the five nations' evaporated

in the cauldron of South

African rugby. To complement an anthem, a home

unions/Lions flag seems es-sential to reflect the cohesion

of the game sternming from

The Lions as a rugby federa-

tion could act as the catalyst

for home nations' unity rather

than disparity while the game

grapples with professionalism

which is rapidly degenerating

The Lions' players and man-

agement have earned their

spurs. May northern hemi-

sphere rugby build on, rather

than dilute, the unity generat-

the players' exploits.

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ed on southern soil.

Cheadle, Cheshire.

Yours faithfully, RAYMUND CARROLL

The Beeches, Mill Lane,

The idea of allowing play on

Remenham Club, but Brandin, two stone heavier. held her and Batten, exhausted, dropped to a paddle at the

London University overcame a jinx and a stone a man disadvantage when they beat the Germans from Hamburg in the final of the Britannia coxed fours. London had lost annually in the final since 1994. The official record shows a "disappointing race ... UL, took the advantage and had a commanding lead by the Barrier." Maurice Hayes, the London coach, will presumably not be upset that his crew were too good to produce a spectacle for the Enclosures.

Canford's giant-killing deeds in the Princess Elizabeth School eights finally came to an end when they faced the "selected" St Paul's in the final. St Paul's were not intimidated and recorded their first win since 1963. Tiredness, rather than intimidation, was London RC's problem in the Wyfold fours final. A series of tough races through the week hit them at. Molesey who had not been too pressed in the run-up, went past them to win.

Britain's World Cup pair of Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, won the Goblets pairs with the luxury of limited pressure in all four of their

Oxford Brookes added the Visitors' Cup fours to their impressive Henley's success list this year in spite of losing many of their better oarsmen to international squad crews. Goldie, with seven of this year's Cambridge reserve boat on board, won the Temple Cup for the first time since its inception in 1990 and Eton Vikings/Leander coxed four caused an upset by beating the present GB squad crew in the

Prince Philip event.
Australia had a good Henley, winning both the Grand Eight and the Double Sculls. Hope for future British success was raised by the stan-dard shown in the Fawley Cup for school quads, which was won by Windsor Boys/Claires

TODAY CRICKET

Third Combill Test match 11.0, final day of five, 90 overs morrown OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia 11 0, Shall day of three

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OTHER SPORT Birmingham). CROQUET: British Open charquesalspo CILF: Lores Lamond World law Wolverhampton (AV. 2.20) w (6 40), Chester (6 30), Hamido

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SATURDAY CRICKET

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RUGBY LEAGUE STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Para Sant-Germain v Wigan Warnors (7.0)

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(6.30); Southwell (6.43)
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SUNDAY CRICKET AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs). Derby: Derbyshap v Yorishap Chastar-le-Street Durham v Warenskshire Southampton: Harroshine v Morosseshire Trent Bridge:

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OTHER SPORT

INDIANA STANDARD STAN

Gutted by news of Herman's passing

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noutnen were un-moved. Roach anglers were impassive. Dace and Dace and bream men looked expressionless and uncaring. Pike anglers said "Uh?" or "Shove off, dad." Only carp anglers knew the name and registered the sadness of the

Then, only carp anglers give names to fish and so the passing of Herman was perhaps a private grief. The Warmwell Whacker had been the biggest common carp known in Britain. When he turned his fins up at the little fishery in Dorset where he lived until a couple of weeks ago, he weighed more than 50lb. Carp angling nationwide went into

The fact that Herman had 'been there" had drawn carp anglers the way that Everest draws climbers. They had come from every corner with all manner of tricks to outwit him, but mostly they had

mise was reported in the fishing press and on local radio. Anglers who had never even been to Warmwell expressed themselves 'gutted", "shatlered" and "destitute" - this

Herman's de-

added stress for anyone in mourning. Carp have been given names for a long time. The most famous named carp the most famous carp of ail, full stop — was the 44-pounder that Richard Walker caught from Redmire pool

last condition a demoralising

in Herefordshire in 1952. Clarissa, as she was known, shattered the carp record by an Irishman's estimate and put carp fishing on the map as a distinctive sport The oldest-known carp was also caught by Walker, also from Redmire, Raspberry is covered in the curious

blotches and mottles which give her the name. At 281b, she is not especially big, but she is old, even in a longliving species. She is 60 years old, if a day.

The biggest-known carp is Mary. Mary has been glooping around Wraysbury

with carp anglers nationwide, mourns the death of the

Brian Clarke, along

port since the mid-1980s When she was first caught, in 1987, she weighed 28lb. Last time out, she weighed 55lb. All told, she has surveyed the bank to times.

Warmwell Whacker

The fact that a carp can be caught to times might suggest that the fish are easily looled. Far from it. It is simply that fish as big as Mary and Herman are so well-known that they are targeted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by duzens of anglers at a go. To make a mistake an average of once a year, under that kind of pressure, shows just how

wilv carp can be. For all the pressures of being fished for and sometimes caught, the way that

'To make a mistake an average of once a year shows how wily carp are'

> Mary is thriving and growing suggests that her experiences do her little harm.

Carp names have no limits. Mostly, fish are named after the angler who first landed them or from some identifying feature, but anything else can suffice.

One of the people who called to tell me about Herman says that he knows a Short Tail, a Long Dorsal, a Two-Scale and a Grey Freddie. He says he also knows of a female named, intriguingly, Big 'Uns.

in recent weeks, Jack, The Parrot, The Lady, Shoulders. Big Nob and — apologies — Turd have all featured in the Angling News. So has The Net-Thrasher. Thatcher's Handbag and There-She-

On my local waters, research suggests that masculinity prevails. Big Sidney swims in the same lake as Rudolph, a fish that has a



Delilah is the apple of many a carp angler's eye

lake along. Not far away, a short, fat mirror carp swims ponderously about. He has a black patch on his head as hig as a beret. To regulars, he is Jean-Pierre.

Of course, there are female carp as well. The fish that all the local lads want to get their hands on is Delilah. She is a huge, full-bellied. sparsely-scaled mirror carp. Local lads often stay out all night in the hope of catching her eye. The only time that I saw her succumb, she weighed 39lb. The loss of the mighty

Herman brings another quirk to the fore. Carp anglers are not only funny about naming their fish, they are funny about how they designate them, once caught.

Serious carp anglers do not have scales marked like ordinary scales. In the hothouse, wild-eyed world of serious carp fishing, small fish - which means singlefigure fish — are a nuisance. A ten-pounder is bundled out

and back. The word "teen" is not in the carp angler's book. Fish, like the scales which weigh them, begin at "twenty".

Carp anglers catch a "twenty," not a 2016 carp. Then there is an "upper Iwenty" and next comes "a thirty". At 30lb and above, other gradations are acknowledged. There are "low thirties", "mid-thirties" and "upper thirties". Then comes the "forty".

Very few carp anglers have caught a "thirty" and fewer still a "forty". "Fifties" are almost off the scale for specialist and dabbler alike.

The weighing game, of course, is mostly for the impression of ordinary mortals. Among themselves, serious carp anglers measure every last ounce, which at least makes them partly human. What makes them inhuman again is that they are as puritanically honest in recording weights as most anglers are not.

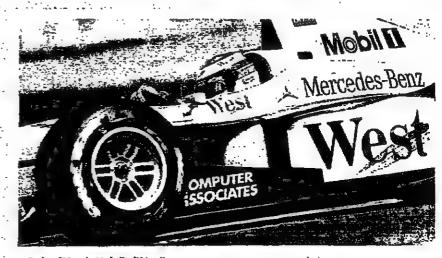
Mary was once caught at 49ib 15oz. We know that only because the man who landed her was not prepared to round up, or to dunk her back in the lake for a moment to add the needed extra weight in water. She might have been an "upper. though, she then was not.

Old Herman, God rest his soul, did make "a fifty" in the end - a weighed and witnessed, no hanky-panky 50lb Soz, to be exact. Carp anglers are gutted and shattered. Carp fishing is impoverished by his loss. Me. I'm destitute

Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.

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A song for unity

From Mr Raymund Carroll Sir. Before the start of the Africa and the British Isles, the traditional rugby custom of playing national anthems was observed. Two, indeed, were played - for South Africa - but nothing for the Lions.

This omission was not a slight on the visitors since no such piece exists. The Lions: who are drawn from four distinct nations that share commonalities, yet possess junique characteristies, do not enjoy a collective bond outwith their prescribed endeavours on the pitch. Has the time not come for

an imaginative Celtic bard to compose a piece appropriate to rugby fellowship in these islands that could be played before the international matches contested between the four home unions and also on Lions tours? In that situation, the good fellowship which rugby enjoys would be more

As rugby is the only professional sporting activity in these islands in which the four

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nations join forces, should we not now honour the Lions' series win with a song of loyalty? Such an innovation would not suppress the spontaneous renderings of Bread of Heaven, Flower of Scot-land, Molly Malone and Sweet Chariot. When the referee blew for

the end of the first two internationals, we stood in the stands drunk on the adrenalin drive generated by merely watching the drama unfold. The South Africans surrounding us, shell-shocked at their unscripted reverses, were even more stunned by not just the cacophony of joyous noise but also by the motley collection of jerseys displayed and hanners waved by Lions' supporters.

The flags - St Andrew, St George, Tricolour, Welsh Dragon, Union - may have appeared to the hosts as

Fears realised

From Mr Fraser McColl

Sir, As a debenture holder at

Murrayfield, I was sad to hear

that some five nations' champ-

ionship games are now to be

now being realised.

played on a Sunday afternoon. be the same again. This appears to be yet another example of tradition being swept aside in order to meet the demands of television scheduling. There has been a Rectory Road. real fear among rugby sup-porters since the advent of Mugswell. professionalism that financial

considerations will prevail over all else. These fears are The president of the Rugby Football Union describes the

move as "exciting". In reality.

for the true supporter, five

nations' weekends may never

Yours truly, FRASER McCOLL, Woodside Cottage,

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

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sedate, but do "genuine" fans really like watching tennis like aymondi@computing.emap.co.uk

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Christian Dymond gets on his bike and enters an orienteering event at Kielder Castle in Northumberland

Saddle up for the forest challenge

from 300 yards away the map distribution point looked like a bad road accident. Three dozen cyclists were splayed out on the ground with their mountain bikes lying beside them, as if the leader had braked sharply and the others had piled into the

By the time I reached the group the picture had become a lot clearer. The cyclists were busy poring over maps that they had just been given and were plotting their routes before heading off into the great expanse of Kielder Forest in North-

Some of the competitors started with a long, steep incline to the north east in the general direction of Deadwater Moor while others aimed for Bloody Bush towards the south west. This was Trailquest, a form of orienteering by bicycle and, whatever direction they chose, they had five hours in which to get around as many of the 21 control points as possible. Each of these control positions had a score value and excess time meant a deduction from the total, one point off for

every minute late The event was called the Kielder Reiver. one of about 40 Trailquest events taking place this year from February to November. A number of them have two separate rides of differing times: one of about five hours for serious riders, and a shorter ride aimed at family and leisure cyclists. The next one is on Sunday at Glyncorrwg

near Swansea. Polaris, which manufactures cycle clothing, also holds three weekend events during the year. The latest, held in the Dalby Forest on the North Yorkshire Moors last month, closed its entries at 1.350 people. There are fun courses as well. Two of Polaris's weekend events, in March and October, involve camping out

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Orienteering by mountain bike is a fast-growing sport. "It's all things to all people. It can be as hard as it needs to be for extremely competitive athletes, while for families who just want to enjoy themselves it's a great deal of fun," says Roger Dillon, managing director of Polaris, who got the idea for the weekend competitions from the two-day Karrimor International

Mountain Marathon. Colin Palmer, co-ordinator of the Trail Cyclists Association (TCA), says: "We like to use a mix of forest and bridleway, so enjoyment of the countryside is very much part of the sport. There are substantial numbers of people who go to events just for a ride in a new part of the country."

At Kielder, my approach was leisurely in the extreme, but the two who had persuaded me to try the sport — John Johnson and Roy Holmes - were quite obviously serious contenders. "We don't intend to stop apart from the control points, although we won't get round all of Riding together and with a combined age of over 80, they were entered in the

Mees Pierson

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veteran pairs class. "If you're competing on a serious level you need to be very good at orienteering and decision-making and have plenty of stamina." John said. "On rough terrain we might average 14-16 kilometres an hour but in a place like Kielder with good forest tracks our speed can almost double that."

Apart from the class he was participating in, there were also categories for solo men (17 years and over), solo ladies, veterans (40 years and over), men's pairs, ladies' pairs, mixed pairs and generation pairs (one person 30 years and over and

one person aged (2-16). Most TCA events will accept entrants on the day, but at Kielder this was not the case. The 254 competitors had returned their entry forms plus an £8 fee (non-TCA members £10) two weeks earlier. On the morning of the event they turned up to register at the time allotted them by the

Check-in was Kielder Castle, where everyone's gear was scrutinised to make sure that it complied with the rules. Each Trailquest event is planned slightly differently, but at Kielder you needed waterproof clothing, an Ordnance Survey Sheet 80 for the forest, basic first-aid kit.

HOW TO ENTER

■ Trail Cyclists Association information line: 01531 632650.

● July 13: Trailquest event at Glyncorrwg near Swansen. Five-hour event, totally offroad with 27 control points. Entry fee is £9 per person. Price includes map with all control points marked. This will be given to people at the start. Event centre is Resolven Rugby Club, Start times from 9.30am to Ham. Inquiries 01531 636247. October 11-12: Polaris Chailenge. As this is an overnight event, tent and skeeping bags are required. The location is not released until two weeks before the event. There are different classes for riders, who must be accompanied for safety reasons.

The cost is £40 for two people. For details contact Event Secretary, 87 Hollin Spring Avenue, Dronfield, near Sheffield, S18 6RP, Information on all Polaris events 01246 240218.

Entries will be closed at 1,000 competitors.

and a drink, a whistle (three sharp blasts is the recognised distress signal, compass, wristwatch, puncture outfit and tool kit. Cycle helmets had to be worn.

At the check-in every team was handed a circular control card, divided into segments relating to each one of the control positions. Later, when competitors got to these points, there was a punch to mark the card. Each punch had a distinct marking and at the end of the race the Forestry Commission organisers checked

The starting point for the event was about half a mile from Kielder Castle but even then - after setting off at the designated time - there was still about a mile to ride to the map distribution point. Competitors spent little more than a few minutes plotting their routes. "You have to decide which is the most efficient way round because often there are several ways to get to the same point," Roy said.
"One route might be a kilometre longer

but still quicker because it's flatter." ach control point was marked with a grid reference on a detailed map of Kielder, In other Trailquest events you might just be given a grid reference and have to work out the location yourself. As certain control points attracted a bigger score than others, the trick was to get around as many of them as possible. The higher scoring control points were often those which necessitated a fairly punishing

At control point five, David Jeffries and David Bickerdike from the North of Tyne Search and Rescue team were taking the numbers of every competitor who passed their way, so that if someone got lost organisers would know their last position

and what time they had checked in there. Cyclists diligently clipped their cards and some took the opportunity to have a quick snack before heading off again. "A lot of these people are so fit they look as if they could cycle to London and back," David Bickerdike said. The return distance from Kielder would probably be about 700 miles.

It was somewhere approaching control point five that John and Roy sped past me as I was pushing my bike up a hill. By the end they had managed to cover 78 kilometres, visit 13 control points and run up 73 points out of a total 125. The points tally gave them first place in the veteran pairs class and a prize of two fleece cycling

But in a way everyone had their reward. Not only was there the joy of riding through forest and open countryside in reasonable weather and at whatever speed people felt most comfortable, but at the end of the five hours the organisers offered us all a banana, a roll and a soup. The heavens opened shortly



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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent -

The American Mike Lawrence is generally considered to be one of the world's leading bridge writers and teachers. He has recently diversified into bridge software with Counting at Bridge (in association with Fred Gitelman), an interactive tuition program. Two of his books, How to Read Your Opponents Cards and The Complete Book of Overculls were named "Book of the Year" when they were published. He is, of course, no mean player having been a founder member of the Dallas Aces with three Bermuda Bowls to his credit. The following hand was one

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West leads the king of hearts followed by the ace of hearts and a third heart to East's queen. East switches to the three of clubs to the jack and king and a club is returned to queen and ace. How should declarer play spades?

The answer is that he should postpone the decision and first take the diamond finesse. When East turns up with that card, declarer can count West for eight points in hearts and three in clubs, eleven in total. Surely he would need the queen of spades to make up a vulnerable opening bid. In addition,

had East held the queen of spades in addition to the seven points he is already known to hold he would probably have responded One No-Trump. Declarer should cash the ace

and king of spades.

Mike Lawrence starts a tour of the UK today. He will visit the Home Counties, Ireland, Scotland and Cardiff. If you would like to attend one of his seminars, ring Chess & Bridge on 0171-383 2404 for details.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHER CORRESPONDENT

Manchester wins Manchester Grammar

tained the British Schools Championship, sponsored by The Times, which took place in the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on Friday. On the upper boards Manchester suf-fered at the hands of the Pert twins, who are already of international standard. However, on the middle and lower boards Manchester more than made up for this and emerged

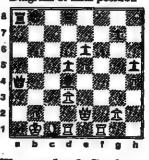
the winners by a clear point. I awarded the best game prize to Nicholas Pert for his brilliant attack in the following game. I was particularly impressed by the way in which he calmly allowed White to promote a pawn to a knight with check in the middle of the attack and also by the way in which Black utilised his own king as a long range attacking piece.

White: David Tompson Black: Nicholas Pert Times Schools, 1997 Fraid: Defauce

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Diagram of final position



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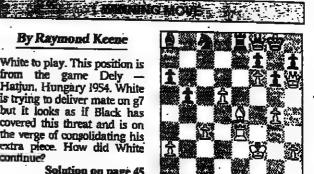
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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Dely -Hatjun, Hungary 1954. White is trying to deliver mate on g7 but it looks as if Black has covered this threat and is on the verge of consolidating his extra piece. How did White



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THE TIMES MONDAY JULY 7 1997 FOR THE RECORD **AUSTRALIAN RULES** ALISTRALIAN LEAGUE Essendon 18.12 (120) bt Melbourne 8.9 (57): Hewthow 18 16 (124) bt Port Adelsade 13.14 (92): Brisbare 7.28 (63) bt Fluctmond 7.8 (50): Fremande 6.12 (48) bt Sydney 3 15 (33): Geelong 9.28 (30) bt Collingwood 10.12 (72): Wessen Buildogs 16.14 (110) bt Carlion 11.8 (74): 57 (8de 2.0.13 (133) bt North Melbourne 11.12 (79): Adelsatic 16.10 (106) bt West Coset Engles 4 7 (31). Control division 43 96 .544 42 42 .500 38 44 .463 36 45 .444 37 47 .440 Cleveland Chicago WS Milwaukee Kenses City Minnesota BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday, Philadejona 3 Chicago Cubs 9; St Loue 5 Pittshurgh 7 (10kms); Houston 2 Chudmida 4; Montinal 3 Atlanta 6; New York Mets 6 Florida 2; San Diego 2 Los Angeles 6; San Francisco 4 Colorado 0, Saturdey, Philadelpha 9 Chicago Cubs 7; New York Mets 5 Florida 3; St Louis 3 Pittshurgh 4; Houston 2 Cincinnah 1; Montreal 3 Atlanta 5; San Diego 3 Los Angeles 7; San Francisco 2 Colorado 1. 49 37 43 41 43 42 36 52 BASKETBALL BARCELONA: European chemplorship: Custer-Brais: Flusse 70 Scain 67, Italy 65 Turkey 43. Semi-finato: Yugoslavia 88. Grace 80; Rely 67 Russel 65 Play-olfs: Fath-eightir: Poland 55 Lihuanta 75, Spain 86 Turkey 81, Frith-eightir: Spain 94 Limuanta 93 Seventh-eightir: Poland 89 Turkey 87. Nitrith-tenth: Israel 91 France 84 Eleventh-restitut. GB BOWLS MEDILETON CUP: Group 1A: Cumbrie 117 (18pts) Northumberland 105 (4): Durham 138 (17) Varieshire 116 (5). Group 18: Derbyshire 116 (14) Lincolnshire 105 (8) Lancashire 117 (16) Notinghamshire 94 (8). Group 2A: Heritordshire 123 (18) Northamptonshire 120 (6), Berfoodshire 101 (4) Laicestershire 134 18). Group 28: Cambridgeshire 92 (2) Essex 135 (20) Group 3A: Buckinghamshire 136 (22) Sec of Wight 109 (0). Hampshire 98 (11) Group 3B: Barketine 103 (3) Kent 127 (19). Surrey 112 (17) Middlessox 95 (5). Group 4A: Hampshire 81 (4) Weinstelshire 140 (18); Somerset 105 (6) Worcestershire 115 (16). Group 48: Comwall 92 (6) Devon 134 (16); Gloucestershire 114 (16) Dorset 95 (8). 42 43 42 45 41 44 38 47 36 50 West division 50 36 581 44 42 512 43 44 494 38 48 442 AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday, Milwauke 1
Mirmesota 13: Detroit 3 Baltimore 4 (first game): Detroit 11 Beltimore 8 (second game): Chicago White Sox 6 Boston 5; Caveland 7 Kensas Chy 6, Toronto 1 New York Yankess 0: Texas 7 Caldand 6, Aneham 3 Seattle 7. Santragy, Chuago White Sox 11 Boston 8; Cleveland 8 Kantasa Chy 4; Toronto 0 New York Yankess 8; Detroit 6 Balamore 5; Milwaukes 2 Mirmesota 1; Texas 8 Cakland 1, Anaham 5 Seattle 4 AVF NORTH-FIELD: Scotland women's champlanships: Singles: Second round: E Magorian (Currnock) ol E McEwan (Car-ock Thistie) 21-18, J Fisher (Bridge of Allen) bt E McCarriwy (Oneghorn) 21-20. S Sater (Colinton) bt i McCurioch (Drongen) 21-16. CYCLING Wheelers (Long Bernangton, Lincolnshirs, 25 miles). M Hope (JE Jernes RT) 53min 45sec. New Forest CC (Avon Forest, 25 miles): C Smith (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 55min 28sec. Matilock CC (Darley Bale, 25 miles): C Storer (Ashfield RC) 57min 07sec. Mid Scotland CA (Stuting, 25 miles): W Matilherse (Meschightand Wheelers) 67min 27sec Brough Wheelers (North Cave, ner Hull, 10 miles): J Rarrisbottom (North Whral Weld) 19min 27sec Luciow CC (Learninster, 10 miles): S Dangerieki (Wheelbase CC) 20min 12sec (course and event record). Bec CC (holmwood, Surrey, 10 miles): E Howes (Gunt RT) 20min 15sec. Combenium and County CC (Gossington, Gloucestershie, 10 miles): L Devis (Gloucester City CC) 21min 17sec. 21min 17sec.

ROAD RACES: BCIF national junior chempionship (Chapat-or-le-Fnih, Derbyshre, 75 miles): 1, P Kay (Weaver Vallay CC) Shr 20min 30sec; 2, A Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) at Basic; 3, S Joseph CC) 3hr 20mm 30sec; 2, A Jectson (Cieveland Wheelers) at Besc; 3, 5 Joseph (Cationd CRI) at 10sec Your of Crarbonne Chase (Wimborne, Dorset, 83 miles); 1, A McCaffrey (Alpha RC) 3hr 28mm 31sec; 2, C King (Team Bristol), 3, J Beyfield (Controlvare) all same time. VC Lincoln Espoins' (under-23) two-day (148 miles); 1, British (Alpha (Cation RT) 5hr 58mm 17sec; 2, M Bottilli (Alorth Wina) Velc) at 6sec; 3, S Higgins (Birminghern Dwistorn) at 1:39. Tour de France results, page 34 RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Super League Int-Germen. Castletord Tipers: Int-German. Castletord Tipers: Int 2, Chapman, Ludden. Gost-Interest coals: Ueils E. Alt. 1,020.

oe: Tries: Gleson 2, Golden 2, Iroyd Goele: Harris 6 Selford o: Blebeley, Martin, Welson eley 3, Att. 8,608. Second division Berrow 27 York S. Berrow Brews Times Abitson, Burra, Chetion, Menwood, McMillen, Goeier Manwood 3 Dropped goal: Menwood York Wasper Thesi: L. Welsh 2, Hopoutt, Limb. Goeier Wright 3, Alt: 661. Hunslet 31 Batley 16 Hunslet Havis: Tries: Tavhsy 2, Coult, Plange, Southernwood, Goals: 3 Ells 5. Dropped goal: 3 Elle Shifey Buildogs: Tries: Cloog, Svalton, Turpin, Goals: Price 2, Ast. 1,826. 82 Doncaster Leigh Centurions: Tries: Daniel, Jenkne, Noon, Patel, Sarsteld 2 Goals: Puril 4. Doncaster Dragons: Try; England. Goal: Masself Att. 1,039. Rochdale Hometic Tries: Pachnist. 4. Rochdale Hometic Tries: Pachnist. 4. Rochdale Hometic Tries: Pachnist. 4. Rochdale Hometic Gartland 9 Cartisle Border Rattors: Tries: G Ruddy J. Hughes, Markman. Castle Returnion 4. Re

Rochdele Hunslet Leigh Batley Carlosle Lancashire L York Barrow Bramley Doncaster Prescot SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Birmingham 39 Leicester 28; Oxford Cavaliers 37 Worcester Royals 12; Cambridge Eagles 22; Ipswich Rhinos 40; West London 78 Bedford Swifts 14 ALISTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Audi-AUSTRALASIAN SUPPR LEAGUE: Auchleand Warriors 11 Crunulas Startes 8;
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Coast 22 St George 14; Parramatta 20
Wilchem Suburbs 18.

Lowden (Priorscroft) bit A Littley (Blackburn)
21-14; J McComresch (Calderbank) bit E
Johnstone (Buckhaven) 21-20, Duarterfinals: Fisher th Megorian 21-15; Suwert bit
Steler 21-9; Lindores bit Christie 21-17.
Lauden bit McComreck 21-12; Sethri-finels:
Lindores bit Louden 25-4, Sawart bit Fisher
25-19; Firelt: Lindores bit Stewart 25-8
Junior eingles: Semi-linals: K Wilson
(Laurieston) bit S Leatch (Livingston Letham)
21-20; C Shaw (Maswed) Town) bit A Henry
(Plenefield) 21-12; Final: Wilson to Shaw
21-6; Pairs: Semi-linals: Kilmaures (J
Halning and P Tennent) bit Linivaristy Steff
(M K and N Mertin) 27-11; Zetland (A Partie
and J Struthers) bit Falktand (J McCord and
N Smith) 24-13 Final: Zetland bit Kilmaures
24-21, Two bowl pairs: Semi-linals: Dumfries (K Fisaser and M Love) bit Antiess
Alness (G Cochill and M Sutherland) 26-18;
Kinnoul (I Lowdon and M Wilson) bit Anties
Dumines bit Kinnouli 19-18. Triplact Semifinals: Hework (I Wilson, M Staward and J
Forrest) bit Belshill Mosend (J Button, H
Philip and F Kerr) 18-13; Galston (E Brown, J
Christie, M Ross) bit Belth (B Webster, M
Wilson and J Wilson) 23-9. Final: Hawick bit
Calation 15-14 BOXING MELVIN HALL, Glesgout World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champonship: S Colins (Dubin, holder) bt C Cummings (Kansas Chy) to 3rd. Light-heavyweight (Brids) S Hamer (Bristol) bt J Witson (Earnaught res thin Super-middleweight (Brids); M Larsan (Den) bt M Wynn (USA) foo Ind Middleweight (Brids): P Colins (Dublin) bt M Phonock (Brims plant) pts. Light-middleweight (Brids): P Roberto (Swe) bt S Goodwin (Derby) pts. Light-weitenweight (Arnds); G Murphy (Uddingston) bt P Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Light-weitentylint (Brids): G Murphy (Uddingston) bt P Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Lightweitentylint (Brids): G Murphy (Uddingston) bt P Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Lightweiteth (Brids): B Debose (Den) bt B Microuez (Denver) pts; (Arnds): S Doon (Bossgow) bt M Monaghen (Nothingham) bt A (Rastab (Denmark) pts. Super-bentamweight (Brids): B Carr (Moodeschum) bt K Stell (Cardiff) rs. 5th; (Brids): M Deveney (Palsey) drew with R Mid-Piec (Glasgow) Plyweight (Arnds): R Laing (East Lother) bt N Tooley (Promusy) pts.

L Stewart (Upper Cowal) bi S Wilson (Westermains) 21-20; J Lindores (Etrick Forest) bit A White (Brock) 21-12; A Christie (Willowbenk) bit K Chisholm (Planesfield) 21-14, B Lowden (Priorszoft) to A Littley (Blackburn) 21-14; J McCormack (Calderbank) bit E Inhinstone (Buckhaven) 21-20. Counter-21-15; Stewart bit

WORLD CUP: Sooth American qualitying zone: Crile 4 Colombia 1 (an Santiago) Ocuania zone: Group finala, second leg: Australia 2 New Zealand 0 (Australia vin 5-0 on aggregate; in Sydney) Australia now play dr with Asian zone fourth-placed learn for place in finals in France in 1098
EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Sweden 3 France D (at Tingwall IP, Kartstad, Sweden)
WORLD VELITH CHAMPIONSHIPS Final WOFED YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Final Argentine 2 Utuguay 1. Third-place play-off; Iroland 2 Chama 1 (both in Shah Alam, Malaysta) off, Iveland 2 Chana 1 (both in Shah Alam, Malaysta)
INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Dyname Minsk (Bels) 0 Dutschung (Ger) 1: Hearstween (Holf) 0 Poloma Wassaw (Pol) 0 Group twee Bestle (Fr) 1 Silvetong (Den) 1. Group twee Bestle (Fr) 1 Silvetong (Den) 1. Group twee Rots (N Ins) 0 Aussme (Fr) 3; Antwerp (Bel) 4 Nea Selamina (Cyp) 0. Group four: Cologne (Ger) 3 Aerau (Switz) 0; Maccabor Ilivas (Isr) 0 Cork. City (re) 0. Group five: Bottelagio (Faeroe Is) 0 Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 1; Gerik (Bel) 4 Stabask (Nor) 3. Group site titrottalelagid Leftur (Ice) 2 FEK Kaunas (Luft) 3: SV Hamburg (Ger) 2 Odense (Den) 1 Group severt Universitate (Lat) 0 Werder Bremen (Ger) 3; Interstitate (Lat) 0 Werder Bremen (Ger) 3; Interstitate (Lat) 0 Werder Bremen (Swe) 1. Group nine: Zitine (Siovalos) 0 Lyons (Fr) 5, Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 Rapid Bucharset (Rom) 1. Group ten:

championship: R Marquez (US, holder) bt R Ellis (US) rsc 4th CASABLANCA, Morocco: World Bouling

Association junior-wellerweight chemp-lorathip: K Rehlieu (Mor, holder) bl. M. Jakabowski (US) isc 7/n. BANGKOK: World Bosing Council bantismweight chemplorathip: Strengolical

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LEMONT, Illinois: Western Open: Leaders start three rounds (United States unless stated): 207: L. Roberts 70, 71, 68: T. Woods 67, 72, 68; J. Loonard 71, 64, 72, 206: S. Lowery 70, 72, 98; J. Funyk 67, 74, 67: F. Nobilo (N2) 71, 70, 67 200: S. Pate 75, 67; D. Love 72, 68, 93; J. Delsring 71, 67, 77, 210: S. Hoch 71, 58, 71, 211: J. Durant 73, 69, 69; A. Masgee 69, 72, 70; J. Cook 73, 67, 71; B. Andrade 70, 67, 74; M. Bradtes 99, 60, 74, 212: T. Watson 72, 72, 68; M. Calcaveccha 70, 74, 68; T. Byrum 75, 70, 72; B. Geberger 70, 69, 73; J. Sumen 69, 69, 74; M. Husbert 69, 68, 75. HURLINGHAM CLUB: British Open chemploreships: Singles: First round: R I Fullard bt D K Openshew +12pp, +18, 9tpc; A Johnson bt R W Ranson +2sip, +19 J P Goddard bt N W Morrow +2sip, +19; J P Goddard bt N W Morrow +2sip, +19; J P C Trimmer bt G J Bennett +19, -9, +7; S Comtah bt J W H Carlisle +2sip, +2sip; R J Brown bt D C D Wiggins +2sip, +6; K M H Alton bt J E Guest +2sip, +11tpo.

M Hilborn 68, 68, 75.
CLERMONT-FERRAND: European Chat-enge Tour: Leading final acomes (Great Britain and Ireland unless stassd): 276: M Liton 68, 67, 73, 68; 12 Cartiles (Sp) 67, 72, 70, 87 (Liton won play-of at first extra India). 277: O Bornard (Fr) 70, 70, 69, 68, 276; W Barrnett 71, 68, 71, 69; D A Rusself 65, 71, 5881: S Watson 68, 72, 72, 69; M Reele (t) 69, 69, 71, 72, P Nyman 72, 68, 68, 73, 73, 69, 69, 71, 72, P. Nyman 72, 69, 69, 73, CONWY: Welsh Open strokeplay champonshipt. Leading final accreez 286: G Wotstenholme (ridworth Springs) 71, 71, 72, 72, 287; Y. Taylor (Brythill) 69, 75, 73, 70, 290; R. W. Pirce (Mornouthshire) 71, 76, 73, 70, 294; M. J. Pikington (Pwilhell) 73, 77, 69, 75, 295; D. H. Park (Burghi Walley) 72, 74, 74, 76, 297; U. Wendting (Austria) 74, 74, 78, 71; N. B. Edwards (Whitchurch) 74, 73, 75, 75, 298; O. J. Pugha (Gowestry) 72, 77, 78, 73, 201; M. Strain (Forest Hasi) 75, 77, 75, 76, 76; D. N. Helton (Streensburg) 73, 77, 76, 76, F. N. Netton (Clen) 71, 75, 78, 77, 302; J. R. Danadson (Maccleshield) 71, 79, 77, 202.

Donaldson (Macclesfield) 71. 79, 77, 75.
HUDDERSPIELD: Lawrence Batley Senlors: Leeding final scores (Great Britain
and Ireland unless stated): 208: A Gambio
(Sp) 70, 68, 69, 207: R Campagnol (6) 70,
68, 69, 208: M Gregson 68, 72, 68; D
Hardwock (Can) 70, 71, 67; B Weltes 71, 65,
72, 205: B Hugget 68, 88, 72; D Smon (LS)
70, 71, 58; D Hussh 70, 69, 70, 210: B
Venwey (SA) 71, 58, 71; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 69,
68, 73: H Inggs (SA) 72, 69, 69; T Britz (SA)
18, 72, 68

SYLVANIA, Chic: LPGA Jemie Fert Cleasic: Landers after three rounds (United States unless stated), 198; K Robbins 67, 64, 67, 204; K Webb (Aus) 65, 68, 71, 205; V Odegard 67, 71, 67; N Lopez 68, 68, 71, 208; I Green 67, 59, 70, 207; H Aftredsson (Swe) 71, 70, 65; M McGeorge 70, 67, 70, 208; L Rinker-Greinem 68, 74, 68, 209; T Banest 74, 67, 68, 210; A Bertz 71, 71, 68; T Hanner 68, 72, 70; P Hanner 70, 71, 69, 71; T-J Myers 70, 71, 69; S Redman 70, 71, 69, 211; S Little (SA) 68, 71, 72; R Hestreimpton (Aus) 70, 73, 68, 212; S Croos (B) 70, 71, 71; K Mershall (38) 72, 72, 68, 213; H Kobayashi (Jepen) 70, 71, 72.

HOCKEY SUNGNAM, South Korea: Six-resion Icus-nament: England 1 Argentine 1; South, Korea 0 Australia 4, Holland 3 Canada 1. MOTORCYCLING

IMOLA: Sun Marrio Grand Wisc SUbcc (123,25km, 25 lacs): 1, M Doorsan (Aus, Honda) 45min 58 lacsoc; 2, M Add Lacon, Honda) 48(0); 63, 3, 7 Add (Jacon, Honda) 48(0); 63, 3, 7 Add (Jacon, Honda) 48(1); 61, Checa (Sp, Honda) 48(2); 55; 5, 7 Okada (Jacon, Honda) 48(2); 63, 6, 1 Catalora (It. Yamaha) 48(2); 67; 6, 1 Catalora (It. Yamaha) 48(2); 67; 6, 1 Catalora (It. Yamaha) 48(2); 67; 6, 1 Cortian 59; 7, 1 Marian 102; 3, M Add 100; 4, Okada 88; 5, Checa 83, 250ec (118,390km, 23 lacs); 1, M Biaggi (It. Honda) 43:18,076; 3, T Harada (Japan, Aprilla) 43:44,52; 6, M Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43:18,235; 4, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43:23,918; 5, T Harada (Japan, Aprilla) 43:44,52; 6, M Lucchi (It. Aprilla) 41:45,52; 1, Waldmann 131; 3, Herada 117; 4 equal, Jacqua and Ulcawa 81, 125cc (103,530km, 21 lacqua shi Ulcawa 81, 125cc (103,530km, 21 lacqua MOLA: Sun Muntys Grand Tyte: 500cc

Red Bul, Ducata 22 42.319, 6, J Monche Crescent, Suzika 22 43.312. Tenth round (17 lens): 1, Meckende 22 31.103; 2, Flymer 22.32.446; 3, Reynolds 22.33.184, 4, Mecchende 2.32.31; 53. Wedner 22.32.446; 3, Reynolds 22.30.184, 4, Mecchenderson 22.32.27; 5 Wedner 22.32.100; 6, Monche 22.40.930. Leading championship positions: Ridees: 1, Meckender 19. Tennello (20 lens): 1, J Vincent (Flooria) 27.07.271; 2, S Smart (Honda) 27.18.903; 3, P Owens (Aprilla): 1, Smart 111, 2, Wincent 85; 3, Sawlord 77 1250c British championship best lons: 1, Smart 111, 2, Wincent 85; 3, Sawlord 77 1250c British championship Statin round (20 lens, 47.12miss), 1, D Barton (Honda) 28.19.888, 2, P Owens (Honda) 28.20.485; 3, F Mendes (Honda) 28.20.486 Leading championship positions: 1, Mendes 88pts; 2, Owens 63; 3, Berton 79

POWERBOATING ST PETERSBURG: Russian grand pric Class I world offshore championship, third heat: 1, Joby Motor Ferretti (2) 180pts; 2, Victory IV (AEU) 125; 3, Bibos (8) 108

SAILING 8T GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sbath leg (Bastor to Southempton, with miles to Southempton, as at 12:006/MT yesterday): 1, 3Corn 1,907; 2, Group 4 1,916; 3, Tochiba Wave Wunter 1,928; 4, Concert 1,933; 5, Heath Insured II 1,938; 5, Nuclear Bectric 1,940; 7, Global Tearmwork 1,943; 8, Save the Children 1,945; 9, Motorola 1,947; 10, Commercial Union 1,948; 11, Ocean Rover 1,948; 12, Courtautids international 1,933; 13, Time & Tide 1,953; 14, Pause to Remnenter 1,957. SCHOOLS SPORT

ATHLETICS: TSB English Schools Cup
final (at Aungdon): Intermediate boys: 1,
Milfield SS2pts: 2, Our Ledy's High;
Blackey 481: 3, King John, Thundenley
484 Junior boys: 1, Enfield GS 516pts; 2,
St Thomas Mone, Wood Green 487: 3,
Southend HS 489 Intermediate grits: 1,
Fizzylmanc, Rayleigh 455pts; 2, St High's
High, Liverpool 435; 3, Miltield 406, Junior
grits: 1 equal, Fizzylmanc and Appleton,
Bentleet 393pts; 3, Central Newcastle High
386.

SHOOTING

HSLEY: Services Championships: Royal Nerry and Royal Martines: Queen's Medal: 1. WO 1 Sends (PM) 2.216 2. Cpl R Osborne (RM) 2.779: 3. Ct. S Forryan (RM) 2.136 Royal Nervy rife championships: 1. Forryan 2.138; 2. AEM C Wakatham (RM Ari) 2.130, 3. AEM C Treaches® (RM Ari) 2.130, 3. AEM C Treaches® (RM Ari) 2.131, 3. FSgr D Vick (Hormston) 1.293. Smell Arms: Efficiency Copx: 1. Silver 1.482.14; 2. Cpl S. East (Bruze Norton) 1.288.16, 3. C. Steel-Benny (Collectmone) 1.348.08. Territorial Army: Cureers Medal: 1. Cpl J Wathwayfit (3 Prince of Wales Own) 922; 2. Cpl A de Gross (4 Royal Logistic Corpo) 920; 3. St D Fertwick (7 Ll) 918

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 57 Eastbourne 33: Peterborough 50 King's Lynn 40; Eastbourne 53 King's Lynn 37. EASTBOURNE: Golden Gauntlet metch race: S Parler (King's Lynn) bit M Dugdrd (Eastbourne, holden) PREMIER LEAGUE: Arena Sussex 60 Sheffield 30; Oxford 46 Long Eaton 43, Berwick 37 Reading 53 PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Senti-finel, linet leg: Edinburgh 51 Reading 39. heg: Edinburgh 51 Reading 39.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Belle Via: Cotts 41
Lethellan 38; Western Warnors 30 Burton
47; Oxford 37 Shuttle Cubs 41. Berwick 54
SI Austell 24. M4 Raven Sprockets 44

TRIATHLON

VUOKATTI, Finland: European chemplon-ships: Men: 1, S Smith (GB) 2hr Olman 12sec. 2, S Vulovic (Ger) 2:00 19: 3, J Barbany (Sp) 2:00 45: 4, R Eggert (Ger) 2:00 53: 5, M Matula (Cz) 2:01.04, 22 R Allen (GB) 2:04 05. Women: 1, N Barbaram (Swit) 2hr 12min 34sec. 2, V Borazatogui (Sp) 2:13 48: 3, S Neilsen (Den) 2:15 02; 4, M Messmer (Switz) 2:15 23; 5, M Surys (Be) 2:15.57: 16, S Brica (GB) 2:22.05, 25, R Hom (GB) 2:28 19

VOLLEYBALL MOSCOW: World League: Final: Italy 3 Cube 0 (15-8, 15-5, 15-10) Third-place play-off: Russie 3 Holland 0 (15-8, 15-12,

CSLC: Blaieff German: Marri 100m 1. F
Fredericks (Nam) 10.11sec; 2. L. Christie
(SE) 10.17; 3. D. Mitchell (US) 10.18; 5. D.
Braitmeale (SE) 10.40 800m; 1. P. Notrosi
(Ken) 1min 44.90sec; 2. V. Rodel (Nor)
14.94; 3. R. Kerseth (US) 1,45.00. Dersam
Mite: 1. H.E. Guerrout (Nor) 3min 44.90sec;
2. 1. Rottch (Ken): 3-47 65; 3. J. Killower
(Ken): 3-788; 5. J. Mayock (GB): 9-51.46.
3,000m; 1. D. Komen (Ken): 7min 30.49sec;
2. M. Pancorbo (Sp): 731 77; 2. B. Kermedy
(US): 7-31.78. 10.000m; 1. H. Gebrselassie
(Elit): 26min: 31.22sec (world record): 2. M.
Mourte: (Bel): 27:17.09; 3. D. Kind (Ken):
27-31.10. High jumps: 1. B. Hoten (Nor):
23.3m; 2. T. Forsyth (Aus): 2.90; 3. B. Brown
(US): 2.25. Pole vasift: 1. M. Tarassov (Rus):
5.90m; 2. O. Barts (SA): 5.90; 3. P. Boths (SA):
5.90m; 2. O. Barts (SA): 5.90; 3. P. Boths (SA):
5.90m; 2. O. Barts (SA): 5.90; 3. P. Boths (SA):
5.90m; 2. V. Quesande (Cub): 17.44; 3. D.
Kapurstin (Russ): 17.20. daverin: 1, J. Zelezny
(Cd): 88.48m; 2. B. Honry (Ger): 87.22; 3. S.
Makarov (Russ): 17.20. daverin: 1, J. Zelezny
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(Ld): 3. J. Phrassyckin: (US): 11.16.
5.000m; 1. G. Szabo (Rom): 14min
42.43sec; 2. L. Cheromasi (Ken): 14.63.3. 3.
G. Warni (Eh): 14.55.03. 400m hundlers: 1. D.
Henrymans (Liter): 3. 1. Terrasinchula (Liter)
84.43sec; 2. L. Cheromasi (Ken): 14.63.3. 3.
G. Warni (Eh): 14.55.03. 400m hundlers: 1. D.
Henrymans (Liter): 1980m; 2. A. Austif (US):
84.3. J. Kalloma (Russ): 1.83. Jenetic: 1,
T. Hottasstad (Nor): 53.39m; 2. M. Ingbarg
(Fin): 66.92; 3. T. Dermasian (Ger): 65.94.

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(Fin) 66.92; 3, T Demesion (Ger) 65.94.

BRITISH LEASUE: Mam's Stat christon (at Solind): 100m; O Dato: (Sele) 10.3sec (equats christon record), 200m; F Knowles (Birchfield) 21 Tasc. 400m; P McBurney (Newham and Eases Beagles) 45.5sec. 800m; J Statt-Strein (Shatitesbury Barnet) 1min 48 Sec. 1,500m; M Yates (Belgrave) 3min 40.7sec. 5,000m; P Evens (Belgrave) 13:55.6. 3,000m steeplechase; J Chaston (Belgrave) 8min 42.5sec. 110m hundles: D Grosves (Newham and Easest Beagles) 14.4sec. 400m hundles: P Thompson (Birchfield) 2.34m. Pote valut; M Berber (Birchfield) 5.0m. Long jumps; C Davidson (Newham and Easest (Braffield) 7.75m Tripts Jump; E Chate (Braffield) 5.90m (Jacque) 18.50m. Discuss R Weet (Braffield) 6.90m. Jacque record). Hammer: P Head (Newham and Easest Seagles) 47.75m; Table (Braffield) 6.75m. 4 x 100m reley; Woodford Green 41,10mc. 4 x 400m reley; Woodford Green 41,10mc. 4 x 400m reley; Britished 3mn

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13 Teac Metch: 1, Beigrewe 383pts; 2, Birchield 282.5; 3, Purna TVH 277.5; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet 284; 5, Sale 256; 6, Newharm and Essex Beogles 255; 7, Woodford Green 240; 8, Blackheath 187 Positions either three metches: 1, Beigrawe 23pts; 2, Sale 17; 3, Purna TVH 17; 4, Newharm and Essex Beogles 15; 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 13; 6, Birchield 12; 7, Woodford Green 7; 8, Blackheath 4 Second division (at Harmoy); Metch: 1, Border 34pts; 2, Earn Solett 311; 3, City of Edinburgh 308; 4, Haringey; 296, 5, City of Stoke 279; 6, Cantill 240; 7, Liverpool 230; 8, Swansea 205, Positions after three matches: 1, Border 24pts; 2, Topm Solent 19, 3, City of Edinburgh 175; 4, Cantill 155; 8, Haringey 9, Women's first division (at Grangermouth; 100m; M Fichardson (Mindson, 28 beac 400m; 1, J Mernin (Essex) 2mm 09 9sec 1, 500m; L McDougal (Cny of Glasgow) 4mm 22 8sec 400m hurdles: K Maddox (Salej 13 4sec 400m hurdles: K Maddox (Salej 13 4sec 400m hurdles: Maddox (Salej 13 4sec 400m hurdles: Maddox 90 2sec 4 x 400m relay: Brankled 3mm 43 6sec, High lume; J Jannings (Essex) 180m; Longump; C Black, (Edinburgh Woolen Mil) 8,00m; Thole jump; C Henry (Salesbury Barnet) 13,04m; Shot T Agren (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14,23m. Discuse: Astern 50 14m. Hummer: L Propeon (Essex) 49 36m. Javelin: 8 Holmoyd (Essex) 51 25m. Match: 1, Windox, Sough and Eton 187 bis; 2, Stuthesbury Barnet 178,5,3,8 ecfinburgh Woolen Mil 1469; 3 Glasgow 144; 5, Edinburgh Woolen Mil 1469; 3 EEDFORD: AAA, Junior championships.

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Lynn Simpson, of Great Britain, the 1995 world champion, displays the gritty determination that won her the women's single kayak on the World Cup slalom in Cunovo, Slovakia, yesterday. Photograph: Joe Klamar

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Princess Elizabeth Cup Holders: Brentwood College School (Can) Si Paul's bi Cardord 254, 5mm 32sec

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Diamond Sculls Holder: M L O Vervoom (Holi) G M P Searle bt P M Haining easily, 7min

Heining bit M P van der Schoot 1%1, 7:51 Seurie bit J W Koven 1%1, 7:32 Princess Royal Cup

Holder: M H Brandin (Swe) M H Brandin bt G Betten pro, Britin 24:sec Simi-finate Brandin bt B E Roye easily, 6.21 Setten bt L M Hansen easily, 6.25

Silver Goblets and Nickalls Cup Holders: A Nader (Austrie) and H Bauer (Austria)

Ĥost. R Thatcher and F B Hunt-Davis bt C P Fischer and S Franke easily, 7min 30sec Semi-finale

Flacher and Franke bi P A J Bridge and M H W Pansh 11, 727 Thatcher and Hunt-Davis bi A R Tucker and W H Coster easily, 729 Donble Sculls

Holders: G Walker (US) and G Lewis (US)

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA LEAGUE: Premier division:
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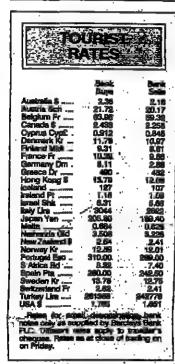
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FRIDAY Finals: Aberforth Split Level Trust, Lawrence, Merrydown, Prism Leisure.





Simpson focuses on a refocus

GEC: Speculative buying has pushed the share price sharply higher in recent weeks. It has come up from 340p to 380p, buoyed by hopes that the new management under George Simpson, chief executive, has begun the task that he was brought in to mastermind - refocusing the company and shaking off GEC's image as a

Last week's hurried departure of David Newlands and the proposed \$8 billion acquisition of Northrop Grumman by Lockheed has focused attention on the group ahead of tomorrow's full-year figures. It will no doubt revive speculation about a merger with British Aerospace at

Talk in the Square Mile suggests that Simpson may have a few surprises up his sleeve and that the statement on trading may be accompanied by a number of deals, including disposals. The figures themselves are unlikely to be spectacular, with most brokers forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £1 billion. Earnings per share are likely to show a small decline

from 23.2p to 23.1p.
The final outcome will of course be dictated by currency fluctuations. NatWest Securities, the broker, believes that much of the concern surrounding this has been overdone and that the damage is likely to be limited to E80 million. Much of this is taken up by the translation of profits at GEC-Alsthom, which provides about 20 per cent of group profits. This will offset any improvement at Marconi which should be relatively unaffected by the strength of the pound. The bulk of its order book is sourced in this country. Trading at GPT remains strong.

Brokers say the problem facing Simpson is how to shape all three businesses into a worldclass operation. The options appear limited.

Those same brokers will no doubt want to know from Mr Simpson about the options for Marconi ii the Thomson CSF privatisation does not go ahead in France Most observers believe that he will structure similar ventures in this country

Cash reserves are expected to



Buyers are looking for signals that George Simpson has begun the task of refocusing GEC

cent to £2.3 billion. The payout Pre-tax profits are expected to should grow by 5 per cent from 12.5p to 13.1p.

TOMKINS: The group has managed to overcome the prob-lems of currency translations faced by most other manufacturing companies by hedging ahead until April next year at \$1.62. But this has not stopped brokers trimming their profit numbers recently after evidence of disappointing trading at the group's cycles and mowers divi-sion in the US.

Even so, Tornkins is expected to weigh in with an impressive set of numbers when it reveals have declined by about 12 per full-year figures this morning. come in at £430 million, compared with £322.9 million last time. That is a rise of about a third. The improvement in earnings is likely to be less spectacu-lar. Brokers are looking for 20.6p a share compared with 18.7p last

stripping out currency gains. Trading overall at the guns-tobuns group has been patchy. Mower sales were flat and Murray, the cycles business, suffered as it turned away lower-margin business. The rest of the US operations made headway as did Ranks Hovis McDougall in the

time, a rise of 10 per cent, but that

falls to just 6 per cent after

achieved a useful improvement in margins.

The profit of £200 million achieved on the disposal of Ferraris are likely to offset similar provisions needed for the disposal of half a dozen other

Shareholders will receive a 13 per cent rise in the payout from 9.95p to 11.2p net.

DIXONS GROUP: Full-year figures on Wednesday are likely to indicate a loss of sales momentum. But brokers have urged clients not to be too harsh. on the electrical retailer and point out that the comparative the Sony Playstation, the summer of Euro 96 and the Olympics as well as strong growth in sales of personal computers. Such influences boosted like-for-like sales 12 per cent. This time round the

group achieved an increase of 8 per cent in the first six months, a

performance that is likely to be

repeated in the second six

Brokers have pencilled in pretax profits of between £185 million and £200 million compared with £139.2 million last time. Earnings per share are likely to be up about

a third at 34.4p.

Margins will have remained under pressure and it will be too early to assess the impact of higher-rate insurance premium tax on curent sales with only two months under its belt.

The payout is likely to grow about 17 per cent from 8.75p to

MARSTON THOMPSON: The Pedigree bitter group has a lot of lost ground to make up before it begins to impress the market and tomorrow's full-year figures are unlikely to make their mark. Pre-tax profits should be up by about 8 per cent from £27.5 million to £29.6 million, with earnings per share growing 6

per cent from 25p to 26.6p. The figures will include a firsttime contribution of \$1.3 million from its Pitcher & Piano chain of bars. Brokers will be more interested in prospects for the business and how it sits with the rest of the group. Marston has already doubled the trading space and a further doubling is envisaged once the required land has been acquired.

The managed pubs division, accounting for 45 per cent of profits, was 12 per cent ahead in the first six months and should have repeated the performance during the second half. An improvement in tenanted pubs is likely to be offset by a decline in their numbers.

The brewing side, which now only accounts for 12 per cent of operating profits, will have benefited from the extra barrellage derived from the Mercury deal. But overall cask sales are expected to have fallen 5 per cent, less than half the national average.

The payout is expected to be increased by 10 per cent from ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Bank left to apply brake

ast week's Budget left the responsibility for slowing the economy entire-ly with the Bank of England and monetary policy. Further interest rate rises are clearly on the way, the only question being how quickly and how far. The Bank of England's monetary policy committee has the chance to kick off a new series of rises when its monthly meeting concludes on Thursday. Inflation hawks are muttering that it may choose to emphasise its concern over consumer spending by raising rates half a point to 7 per cent. The general consensus is that the Bank will settle for another quarter point this month and

review the situation in August.
Figures for June are released just before the meeting tomorrow and are expected to show inflation remaining relatively subdued although the recent interest rate rises will feed into the headline figures. MMS International, the economic consultancy, predicts that headline inflation will tick up to 2.7 per cent from 2.6 per cent in May after mortgage cost rises, while underlying inflation will rise from 2.5 to 2.6 per cent. Industrial production figures today are

expected to show the pound hurting the manufacturing sector, MMS forecasts no monthly rise in manufacturing output, and the annual rate down from 2.3 to 2.2 per cent. Overall industrial production is expected to show a fall to an annual rate of 0.6 per cent from 2.2 per cent last month.

In the US, producer prices figures are expected to show there are few inflation pressures in the pipeline. MMS expects overall prices to decline by 0.1 per cent compared with 0.3 per cent in May. Consumer credit figures have given some cause for concern in recent months, although the rises have not translated into consistent sales growth. Tomorrow's May figures are predicted to show credit growth slowing to \$6 billion from \$7.6 billion in April.

German employment data, due out tomorrrow, are expected to show record unemployment levels increasing again. MMS forecasts a 20,000 rise against 56,000 the previous month. With the German economy still struggling out of recession, the Bundesbank Council is not expected to alter rates at its Thursday meeting.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

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The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Television Corp, Wescol. Lonsdale, Alfred McAlpine. Aegis, Wellington Hidgs; Sell United News & Media, Iceland. The Sunday Times: Buy Limelight, Eurotunnel, Barbican Healthcare, Philip Harris; Sell Pizza Express. The Mail On Sunday. Buy Sou-thern Elec. Wessex Water. Asda. Action Computers, Persona; Sell Dana Petrole-

Lloyd's braced for new conflict over ruling body

LLOYD'S of London is facing a new row between its new and traditional investors over the composition of its ruling body. The 18-strong Council of Lloyd's has just one member representing corporate capital from pooled funds and insur-

since they were first permitted to back syndicates in 1994. The Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) has attacked a council proposal that the number of corporate capital representatives should be increased to two, at the expense of

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one of the berths reserved for lors representing members individual "names" who do working in the market. not work in the market.

In its latest newsletter, ALM said the proposal is based on an out-of-date report on voting rights that does not take into account the recent integration of capital providers and syndicate managers, which it claims has already led to conflicts of interest.

The ALM also complained of the lack of consultation. If rate capital member on the council in 1998, it would prefer a cut in the number of council-

working in the market. Corporate capital already provides 44 per cent of Lloyd's underwriting capacity, and that figure is set to increase, Hyundai, a conglomerate best known in the UK for its cars, will today anounce that it is to become the first Korean company to set up a fund to invest in Lloyd's. It will begin underwriting in 1998, subject to approval, with the aim of

setting up its own syndicate. Last week's nomination of Max Taylor, a broker, as the new chairman of Lloyd's focused attention on the uneasy relationship between old and new factions on the ruling council. The decision angered some corporate capital providers who were backing Jonathan Agnew, the chairman of car insurance more than £200? the largest pooled fund.

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Safeway extends scanners

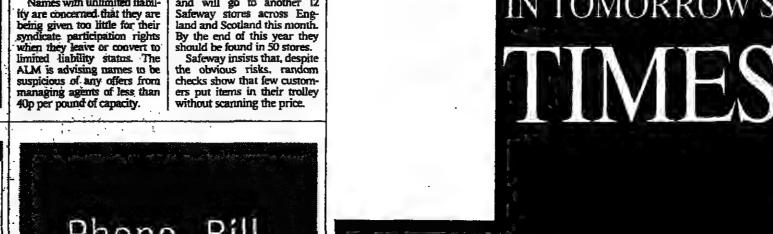
By SARAH CUNNINGHAM RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

SAFEWAY, the supermarkets group, will today begin trials of a new "intelligent" handheld price scanner, which will greet customers as they begin to shop, tell them how many points they have left on their loyalty cards and transmit personalised marketing

Safeway launched its Handiscan scanners last year and they are now used in 130 stores. Customers carry them around the stores, scanning the price of each item as they put it into their trolleys, so that they already have a total bill ready to pay when they reach the checkout desk.

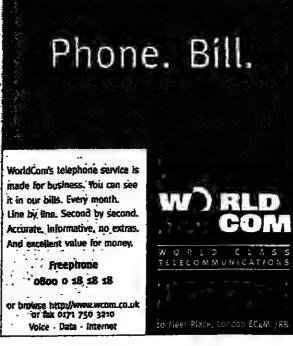
The new scanners, which will make use of personalised information on each shopper, will be tested at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, from today and will go to another 12

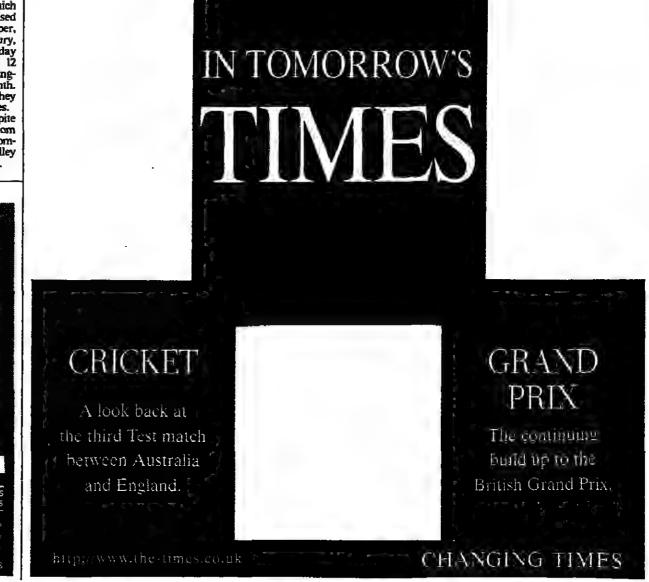






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Training shake-up on cards after Tecs review

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE Government looks set for a radical shake-up of industrial training in Britain after a review of the businessled Training and Enterprise

Ministers have asked for an urgent examination of the cost and effect of Tecs, which administer officially funded training on behalf of the

Cabinet ministers including David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, are expected to praise the work of Tecs when they attend this week's annual conference in Birmingham. But ministers are on course to recast the training system, based on the

Memory

focuses

on Taiwan

venture

BY FRASER NELSON MEMORY CORPORATION, the Scottish microchip systems producer, is turning its attention to digital cameras through a joint venture with

Taiwan's third-largest com-

high-flyer, which was forced

to retreat from repairing faulty microchips last year when the market for perfect chips collapsed, is expected to

make £5.6 million of sales next year through the deal with Hsin Lin Computer Co.

The two will work together

on preparing cartridges for digital cameras, which will go

on sale by this Christmas. Memory will contribute its key product, a device that instructs a computer system

board to bypass the flaws in

and share the proceeds with Memory. The deal, which will also involve the launch of other microchip-enhancing systems, is expected to account for 20 per cent of Memory's sales in 1998.

Hsin Lin will manufacture and distribute the cartridges

David Savage, who became

chief executive last winter, is

hoping to turn Memory round

by using its technology in new

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assessment of Tec perfor- ters are dissatisfied with the mance now being made by Whitehall officials.

Ministers are already committed to removing some £150 million from Tec funds to finance individual training programmes, and to improve the accountability of the business-dominated governing boards of Tecs.

However, early signs suggest that Labour is also dissatistied with Tec performance and believes that radical changes to the entire system of training may be necessary.

Ministers have asked Whitehall officials to review the £1.7 billion budget for Tecs and to assess the number of iobs and businesses created through their efforts. Miniscurrent system of performance measures for Tecs, judging it to be both overcomplicated and not giving a sufficiently and impact on employment

and local economies.

"Tecs spend a great deal of money - and we seem to be getting very little for it," said one Whitehall source. "We weren't especially critical of them, but now we've had a look at the books, we are going to have to ask some tough questions. What do they do, do they make a difference, what do they cost and should they

Ministers are critical of the Tecs' relationship with gov-ernment, and of the performance of the Tecs in coordinating themselves nationally through the Tec National Council, although they recogmise there have been recent

They believe that the failure to secure a significant role in the delivery of the Government's New Deal jobs proramme, detailed by Gordon Brown in last week's Budget, is highly significant and may point to a doubtful overall role for Tecs in the future.

They also think that Tecs have little role as local providers of business services to companies, with the Govern-Chambers of Commerce and trade associations already



Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, joined Ed Wallis, the PowerGen chairman, to open the Connah's Quay power station in North Wales, which is capable of supplying electricity for half of all Welsh homes and factories

Lanesborough group sees room for expansion

sorts, the Dallas company that runs the Lanesborough In London, is aiming to boost \$500 million in the next five years through an aggressive

The group will double in size by 1999 and it is contemcard" memory boards which, if stolen, cannot be used in another computer. Memory is also producing a silicon alternative to the rotating hard drives found in most desktop computers and is expected to announce a third licensing deal within months.

ROSEWOOD Hotels & Re- in 1979 by trusts associated

plating lucrative management contracts in Asia. Europe and the Americas. A Paris sister hotel to the Lanesborough is among projects under consideration. Rosewood was established

with Caroline Rose Hunt, daughter of Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, the Texan oil Rosewood's president and chief executive, has seven new hotels coming on stream and is assessing several further deals.

Mr Mankarios, in London for management meetings, has visited prospective sites in Italy and plans a big push in Asia. Cities on the list include Shanghai, Taipei and Bang-kok. He said: "We're a very young company in a growth mode. Expansion will be more opportunistic than strategic."

Demand for luxury hotel rooms is growing at 2-3 per cent per year, against a backdrop of static supply. Mr Mankarios sees sub opportunities in the five star sector over the next five to seven years. Rosewood runs its contracts, on the basis that it takes three years to establish a property. Mr Mankarios said:
"It requires considerable time, link with a property in Paris, this difficult. He said: "One of my dreams is to do a hotel in Paris, but it's difficult to turn the kind of profit we want." Rosewood receives a base management fee per property, topped up by a performance-

The Lanesborough, which ry this year, claims an occupancy of 93 per cent and an average rate of £365 per night. Mr Mankarios said the hotel has succeeded "against the odds, against stiff competition trenched hotels". Close rivals include Claridge's, part of the Savoy Group.

Rosewood owns two hotels The Mansion on Turtle Creek and the Hotel Crescent Court. both in Dallas, and manas the rest under contract. The Lanesborough is owned by an Abu Dhabi consortium.

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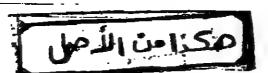
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Which bank recruits 25,000 customers a month to its telephone banking service? More than just a bank rikasier Benk Pic, 41 Lethbury, Lendon EC2P 250P.



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To raise or not to raise? That could have been the question. Not any more it is now simply "By how much?". This Wednesday the focus shifts to interest rates, with the meeting of the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Bank of England. Do not envy their task. Gordon Brown's Budget leaves the Bank in the position of Britain in 1940 after the fall of France.

The Chancellor said all the right things: "Britain cannot afford a recurrence of the all 100 familiar pattern of previous recoveries ... I will not ignore the warning signs and I will not repeat past mistakes . My goal is therefore to ease inflationary. pressures without damage to industrial and exporting prospects ... In this way, we can moderate the upward pressure on interest rates and on the exchange

It was as though he had taken week. The trouble is that he was precisely the US experience -

Brown hands task to the axe-wielders

all talk and no action. By implication, he was saying "over to you. Eddie Furthermore, having yielded to the arguments for not offending the voters this year, it is unlikely that Mr Brown will go in for a sharp tightening in his next-Budget, which is not due until the

The result of Mr Brown's failure to hit consumers hard enough will not be a sharp rise in inflation. Consumers and businesses are still cautious, and competition is intense. Meanwhile, the strong pound is keep-ing costs and prices down. Accordingly, there is a good chance that inflation will fall later this year and into next. Moreover, this happy state might even be able to continue, in spite of strong his cue from this column last, economic growth. After all, this is

dire warnings about inflation that repeatedly fail to be borne out.

However, even if this does indeed prove to be the case, it is a risk that the MPC cannot afford to take. In view of Britain's history and its own need to establish credibility, the MPC will feel that it has to err on the side of caution. So the consequences of Mr Brown's timidity will be seen in the level of interest rates and the

pound. How high will interest rates go? It seems likely that the MPC will raise rates on Thursday by at least a quarter point. Thereafter, there would be a good case for waiting and seeing. However, it now seems likely that rates will exceed 7 per cent at the end of the year. To listen to some of the Chancel-

lor's advisers, you would think



been a crude and ineffective weapon for restraining consumer spending, interest rate rises are a finely tuned instrument. Nothing could be further from the truth. The MPC is wielding not a scalpel

In the summer of 1988 Chancellor Lawson gingerly raised inter-

est rates in small steps, seeking a risk? The problem is that the soft landing for the economy and stability for the pound. There was, however, linle immediate effect in restraining inflationary pressures. So rates were raised in big jumps. It was only when they had reached 15 per cent nearly 18 months later that the process stopped. The result, as many readers will recall with acute pain, was overkill - a devastating recession. Trying to control an unstable economy by manipulating interest rates is a like trying to drag a brick across a table with a piece of elastic either the brick stays where it is, or it flies across the table and hits you in the face.

Of course, it can be argued that if sterling stays at this level, let alone moves higher, it will have a major restraining influence on the MPC. But again, can it take the

currency markets and the spending patterns of consumers adjust at completely different speeds. It may take more than a year for consumer spending to react properly to a change in the interest rate environment, but the currency markets adjust instantaneously. It is quite possible that sterling will already be on the way down again even while consumer spending is still surging ahead. After all, the Lawson boom began

with a strong pound, but in its later stages the pound was weak. How high will sterling go? Not long ago it seemed incredible to suggest that the pound would be back within its old ERM bands. Now it is not only there, but hovering near its central rate. Over the years, I have learnt that when it comes to exchange rates,

n pays to think the unthinkable. After Chancellor Lawson was forced to abandon his attempt to cap the pound at DM3 in 1988, it surged towards DM3.30, Of course, this rate would be unsustainable if it occurred now, just as it was then, but this will not

necessarily stop it happening. So the danger is overkill again. Inflation is likely to end up even lower, and real interest rates therefore much higher. Meanwhile, all those businesses selling abroad or competing with imports at home will have been through yet another sterling surge, damaging investment and employment.

For his first Budget, Mr Brown commissioned a new red box from apprentices at Rosyth, as a symbol of the Government's commitment to employment in Britain, particularly among the young. If this gesture had been market-tested, the work should probably have gone to China. The way the pound is going, the next box could be made more cheaply in Germany.

Kohl expected to give Eurofighter final approval

THE £45 billion Eurofighter military aircraft programme. which will create 10,000 jobs in Britain, is expected to get its final go-ahead from the German Government this week. Chancellor Kohl's cabinet

will meet on Friday to discuss next year's budget, and senior figures in the British Government and in the UK aerospace industry have been told that the Eurolighter is one of the main spending commitments

Theo Waigel the Finance Minister, said last Friday that

cial matters that could have

Around 48 per cent of those interviewed do not

check their change, and 44

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fighter aircraft was secure. He said: The Eurofighter is contained in the budget for 1998 and in the mid-term financial

planning."

But German opposition politicians have rejected the programme as being too expensive. UK aerospace com-panies fear that if Germany's decision is delayed any further then opposition parties will make the Eurolighter an issue in next year's parliamentary elections.

The Eurofighter is expected to create 18,000 German jobs. Herr Waigel has held week-

Apathetic Britons

lose out financially

By MORAG PRESTON

FAILURE to check bills, those surveyed were confi-

is costing Britons £4 billion a year.

A Direct Line survey of 1,000 adults found that there is widespread apartly about was the prices charged for handling numdane financial matters that could have

"end talks with Manfred Bischoff, chief executive of Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa), to claw back DMI billion in prefinancing grant-ed to Dasa for its Airbus civilian aircraft operations. In return Herr Waigel will approve the DM23 billion order

Herr Bischoff is sure that Bonn will make a firm commitment to the programme. He said: "I can't imagine that Germany can take any other decision, bearing in mind the state of the technical development and level of European involvement.

for 180 Eurofighter aircraft.

The main UK Eurofighter contractor is British Aerospace. Most other leading aerospace companies in the UK will act as suppliers and subcontractors. The British Government gave its approval for the purchase of 232 aircraft last September. Labour has excluded the Eurofighter from

its defence review.

The number of jobs created through Eurofighter produc-tion could increase further if the aircraft proves to be an export success. Countries in Scandinavia, Asia and the Middle East have expressed

Approval for the aircraft is Not getting change back of vital importance to the from parking metres, tele-European aerospace industry. The Eurolighter is one of a number of joint projects around which the industry. phone boxes and fixed bus fares followed closely Phone service charges such as directory inquiries, hidden commission on buywill consolidate. The aircraft could become the linchpin of a ing insurance and service single European defence group, similar to Airbus, which unites Europe's civil charges in restaurants were sincraft makers.

interest.



Head start: Ian Stewart has secured the services of Alan Shearer for Gremlin's new computer football game

Shearer signs for Gremlin

ALAN SHEARER, the New castle United and England striker, has signed a four-year consultancy contract with Gremlin, the computer games company that plans a £45 million main market flotation later this month. Mr Shearer will advise Greenlin on Actua Soccer 2, a game that will incorporate his advice on tactics and name his all-time

Ian Stewart and his wife Jenny, who run Gremlin, aim to sell about £6 million of shares in the flotation. The company more than doubled profits to £2.8 million last year.

DIY sector 'overdoing it'

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

THE DIY market is oversup- stores which are seeing their drive smaller companies out plied and still in need of sales attacked by the biggest rationalisation, even though operators. this is expected to be its best. Store closures have

year since the early Eighties. According to Verdict, the retail consultancy, the home improvement market was worth £10.9 billion last year and is set to grow further in 1997, buoyed by the housing recovery and building society windfalls

But in a report published today, it points to a large number of second-rank companies with underperforming

slower than expected because many of the leases were taken out just ahead of the last recession and still have years

With out-of-town stores, it is difficult to get the leases reassigned. Another factor behind the slow rationalisation is that many of the poorperforming chains are owned by large retail groups which can absorb losses that would of business. B&Q, the market leader, is owned by Kinglisher. Do it All is owned by Boots and Homebase is owned by J Sainsbury.

Verdict believes Homebase would have been in a position to challenge the dominance of B&Q but for the drain on resources of converting poorly performing Texas stores into the Homebasa format. Do It All has made progress in disposing of unwanted stores, but it fails to attract enough

customers into its stores.

MAM ties up Sitex control

Mercury Asset Manage-ment will today finalise the purchase of a controlling stake in Sitex, a fastgrowing security com-pany, for £20 million.

Sitex specialises in protecting empty properties cent a year for the past four years. Mercury's invest-ment is part of ESI million of financing to aid expan-sion into France, Germany and The Netherlands.

Tony Rieger, managing director of Sitex, and two fellow directors are taking the opportunity to increase their stakes in the firm. Mercury is replacing Phildrew Ventures, which backed Sitex in a management buyout six years ago.

Nasdaq top

Nasdaq, the New Yorkbased stock exchange, is expected to reveal today that it has increased its lead over the New York Stock Exchange in attracting new business.

Nasdaq is believed to have won 63 new issues in the second quarter of the year, totalling \$1.7 billion in value, compared with NYSE, which welcomed eight new issues valued at around \$750 million.

Barclays vote

Nearly 40,000 Barclays today in a ballot that could lead to a series of two or three-day strikes.

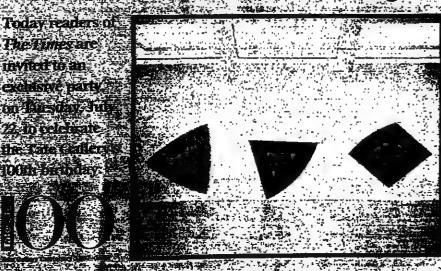
The Bifu and Unifi unions are opposing a switch to performance pay, which, they claim, will lead to a pay freeze for more than half of

Barclays' staff.
The ballot is due to be completed on July 24.

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(c) A pilferer, a petty stealer, a thief. From the archaic verb to nim to take. Ultimately from the Greek nemein to share out. "Twist right and wrong how many gentle trimmers! Will neither steal nor filch, but will be plagny Nimmers."

(b) The name given to a third writ of attachment, issued when the first (capias) and second (alias) prove ineffectual. So called from the Latin phrase pluries capias, "Thou mayest take several times", occurring in the first clause. "For all your Denurres, Pluries, Sursurares, which are all Longswords that's Delaies: all the confert is a line of the confert in the confert in the conference of the conferenc the comfort is, in nine yeares a man may overthrowe you.

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(a) A speck or small cloud in the eye, a floater. A cloudy formation in urine. A "little cloud" in Latin, the diminutive of nubes a cloud. "The nubecula seems to arise from certain gross particles detained in the pores of the coraca, or swimming in the

(a) The execution of persons by mass drowning, as practised during the French Revolution by Carrier at Nantes in 1794. John Adams, letter, 1819: "The Mohawks, who were concerned in the noyade of the tea in Boston harbour."

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Back to the future with new consultancy breed

Jason Nissé on how companies are benefiting from long-term view on brand development

t's a tough business. crisps. The market is dominated by two firms Walkers, which is backed by the might of Pepsico, and Golden Wonder. which was a management buyout from Dalgety. Given the strength of the competi-tion. Clive Sharpe. Golden Wonder's boss, is very cautious when he decides to push a new flavour into the market or launch a fresh version of Cheesy Wotsits.

"New product development is very high risk," says Sharpe. This area is littered with new product failures."

To limit risks, Sharpe has turned to Grey Brand Futures, one of a new breed of "future consultancies" emerging from advertising agencies. This might seem strange to those who remember the 1980s, when marketing gurus were considered the antithesis of forward planning. But the bow tie and red braces brigade first staked their claim to advising on the long term with research groups such as the Henley Centre. owned by WPP Group, parent company of J Walter Thomson and Ogilvy & Mather.

Then came the trend predictors — the sort of people who hang around in the bars of trendy nightclubs trying to spot what sort of fluffy flipflops teenage clubbers are wearing. Then, about three years ago, brand future consultancies started emerging.

Grey is considered to be one of the leaders in the field, having been used by Lee Jeans. Homepride, Freemans and Ben Sherman shirts, among others. But the brand futures arms of agencies such as Bartle Bogie Hegarty, DMB&B, Leo Burnett and Ogilvy & Mather are also growing.

Future consultancies often



Looking ahead: Clive Cooper, left, and Simon Ratcliffe have helped to mould strategy for household names

charging a consultancy fee which has nothing to do with the advertising business placed by the client. They even work for firms which use other advertising agencies - as with Golden Wonder, whose advertising is done by BBH.

The function of these future groups is to try to work out how brands will develop over the next five years or so. Some consultants offer longer scenarios, but as Clive Sharpe at Golden Wonder points out, the speed of change in most consumer markets is so fast that planning for any longer period is virtually pointless.

The futures agencies collate much of the information which is available about customer trends, demographics and shifts in purchasing priorities, and apply it to individual products and brands, whether existing or planned.

"Until recently, planning was a dirty word," says Simon Ratcliffe, who runs Grey preoccupied with today. They were obsessed with market share or their share price, something which was most exaggerated in the retail sector. They forget that you have

to build a brand over time."

The brand futures operation grew out of some work Ratcliffe and Cooper did for Homepride, which was the part of Dalgety, the food group, then run by Clive Sharpe. He was concerned that Dalgety was about to sell Homepride and wanted to offer a strategy to lift the company out of the cook-in sauce business, so persuading Dalgety to keep it. "Homepride was attempting to appeal to housewives, and we pointed out that only I per cent of women still considered themselves to be housewives,"

says Ratcliffe. Grey's idea was to broaden Homepride into a range of "cooking coaches", somewhere between basic ingredints and M&S

everyone from a lawyer to a lorry driver was interested in Although Sharpe liked the

strategy, the other objective was unsuccessful - Dalgety sold Homepride to Campbells, which was totally uninterested in Grey's work. From this starting point, Grey set up what is believed to be the first standalone brand futures agency in the UK. Lee Jeans went to Grey earlier this year because the company wanted to rethink how it was tackling

erek Woodgate, European managing director, says Lee had more than doubled in size over the past five years and was selling about \$400 million of clothes a year. It wanted to rethink its approach because it felt that its old strategy had gone as far as it could. "The issue was not to chase Levi in the trading ment within agencies, usually Cooper. "People were totally meals. "The idea was that "They are the market leader

and the issue was not to compete head to head with them but be distinctive from them." The results of the review have led to a new strategy for Lee, which will be revealed in the autumn. However, a clue may come from the work Grey did for Ben Sherman shirts. Ben Sherman was faced with a similar dilemma of success that it feared it could not sustain. The Brit pop revolution of Oasis, Blur and Echobelly had brought a fashion for Ben Sherman products which the company was wor ried would ebb away.

"We suggested they did advance work to map out the brand territories," says Clive Cooper — the English translation of which was to help Ben Sherman identify who it wanted its shirts to appeal to, and persuade the company to launch an advertising campaign targeted at that group.

Ben Sherman put the advertising work out to tender and business. "We talked to the agency and they had a competitive advantage," Ratcliffe admits. But the business could easily have gone elsewhere.

Part of the work of the futures consultancies is often to help the clients go back to basics. "A lot of companies have forgotten what made them successful in the first place," says Ratcliffe.

For example, when Grey was asked to help Freemans, the mail order group, Ratcliffe and Cooper decided to look through the company's archives and found a 1942 catalogue that set out the terms under which the it did business. These included offering "honest true value" and "giving people the products that they want". They then read the principles out to some Freemans people and asked them to name whose they were. One suggested Body Shop and none could identify Freemans as the orginator.

The trend for futures consultancies could be a result of the better British economy and consumer confidence. A few years ago most firms would have been too worried about next weekend's sales to worry about next year's.

People are more open to strategic brand advice these days," says Ratcliffe. "But we did a survey of existing clients and potential clients and found that they spend 95 per cent of their time thinking about today and only about 5 per cent planning for tomorrow. There is still a lot of work to

be done.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Galway's wonderful railway

A lunchtime series which should delight railway A functime series which should delight ratifically buffs and many others besides finds celebrities in various fields walking the railways of Ireland. Sadly the trains have long gone and the tracks lifted but this only adds to the nostalgia. The presenters have been chosen for their personal memories of the lines. Thus on Thursday the latter transce Colleges walk his bendred self flautist James Galway recalls his boyhood self being thrown out of the railway yard in Belfast where he used to play. His walk follows the tracks from Scarva to Banbridge and Newcastle. The journalist Olivia O'Leary, actor Niall Toibin and vine expert Oz Clarke also feature in the series which begins in Galway. Mariella Frostrup walks the line to Clifden, a childhood haunt, and hears from John Wayne's stand-in on The Quiet Man, which was filmed near by.

Secret History: Breaking the Sound Barrier Channel 4, 9.00pm

The story of supersonic flight may be less secret than Tony Stark's excellent documentary makes out but it is still worth retelling. Stark begins in the Second World War when fighter planes came inadvertently near to breaching the sonic wail and projects were set up to produce the reality. Three countries entered the race to build the first supersonic plane. Defeat ended Germany's hopes, leaving Britain and the United States. The British MS7 seemed to be leading the field when in 1946 it MSZ seemed to be leading the field when in 1946 it was abruptly cancelled by the Government. Stark claims to reveal the reason for the first time. This left the Americans to go ahead and claim the prize, and Chuck Yeager, the pilot involved, recalls the first supersonic flight, Less to its credit, the United States kept the essential technology secret for five

United Kingdom! I Just Wanna Be Joe Public

Tony Kearsley began a career of violence when as a teenager he took a knife to the father who had beaten him. He has spent most of his adult years behind bars, with armed robbery a speciality, but at 33 he has decided he wants to go straight. He claims he is older and more mature and misses his



Christopher Kellerman (BBCl, 10.40pm)

five children. Released from prison on licence, het, returns to his home town, Bolton in Greater Manchester, and tries to rebuild his life. Discreetly Manchester, and tries to rebuild his line. Distreetly but revealingly, the camera follows his progress. We eavesdrop on meetings with his probation officer, who worries that he is still keeping the wrong company. We see him trying to dissuade his 12-year-old son from taking up a criminal career. But is is touch and go whether Kearsley can succeed in breaking with his past.

Omnibus: Dame Henrietta's Dream BBC1, 10.40pm

Dame Henrietta Barnett was a Victorian philan-thropist who wanted to rescue people from squalid housing in London's East End, To this end she housing in London's East, End. 10 this end site created Hampstead Garden Suburb, now a trust under manager Christopher Kellerman, hoping that it would enable all social classes to live together in harmony. Nearly 100 years on, not much of the dream is intact. Soaring house prices have ensured that the suburb has become exclusive in the better-off. Sharon Maguire's film homes in on the better-off. Sharon Maguire's film homes in on an unseemly wrangle that would have Darne Henrietta, a sturdy Anglican, spinning in her grave: The suburb's orthodox Jewish community wants to create an Eruv, marking out, with posts and wires, an area where it is permissible to carry or push things on the Sabbath. Non-Jews, even some non-orthodox Jews, are horrified.

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Radio 5 Live, times vary Young Britain is the theme for nine days of programming which started on Saturday and is aimed at increasing 5 Live's audience figures among the young. I'm terribly sorry, that came out wrong. I meant to say that the programmes are aimed at finding out what young people are all about so that older people can understand them better. Today's contributions include Europeas (10.45am) which reports on the lives of the young in different European county and day. Toucht a different European country each day. Tonight there is Nice Work If You Can Get It (7.35pm), which tells the story of two young men, friends from childhood, whose fortunes differ markedly after each is offered a trial by Manchester City.

One breaks a leg and is replaced by the other.

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

8.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kally 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Resburn 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Mille Dickin

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10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Soutan Includes Mithaud (Chamber Symphony No 1); Wagner (Overturer Des Liebersverbot); Respight (Iff Tramonto); Liszt (Funeral Ode No 1: Les Morts); Mystivecek (Wind Octet No 1 in E flat); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E fat, Op 81e); Berlio (Fok Songs); Luno Klami (Overture: The Cobbiera on the Heath)

12.00 Composers of the Weelc Earty Spanlein Music 12.00 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Mus 1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from

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RADIO CHOICE

The Monday Play: Breathe In, Breathe Out Radio 4. 7.45pm

This is a play about obsession and it is all the more effective for having such an ordinary context. The action happens during the 60th birthday celebrations of Sam (James Taylor), who is charting the surface of the Moon by means of a telescope in a garden shed. He is assisted by Jerry and Phil (Sean Baker and Tom Watt) but Sam's wife, Patricia (Sheila Allen), is not best pleased by the project and there are more tensions when Phil wants to let his young son look through the wants to let his young son look through the telescope, thus breaking one of the rules of the project. All Sam's shortcomings and obsessions, including his own childhood and his lack of any heirs, come to the surface in a script eleverly woven by Simon Block. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00ers Mark Griffiths 7.00 Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto, Leclair (Molin Concerno in D major, Op 7 No 2); Saint-Sains (Plano Concerto No 2 in G minor, Op 22) 3,00 Jernie Crick 7,00 Newsnight 7,30 Sonets. Bende (Sonsta to Violin and Basson Continue in A minor) 8.00 Evening Concert. Dohnenyt (Variations on a Nursery Song); Gerald First (Clerinet Concerto Iri C minor, Op 31); John Jubert (Temps Perdu.

Variations for String Orchestra); Janacek (Strionel Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concarto (r) VIRGIN HADIO

8.30em Pluse 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nick Abbot 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Jerzy Maksymuk, with Tim Hugh, cello. Includes Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Dvolidik (Cello Concerto in B minor); Beethoven (Symphory No 7 in A) 5 Saxophonist Sormy Rollins about how he carne to form a tino with beas and drume (4/6) 5 Music Restored. Anthony Rooley introduces a concert of music from the time of Velasquez.

s.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson, from Deberham High School in Suffolk, leeturing the group Dangerous Kitchen

5.15 In Tune, Live from the Pittville Pump Room at the Cheltenham Festival. Humphrey Carpenter plays a selection of music and is joined by performans at

telection of music and is joined by performers at this year's testival

7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestre, under Stroon Ratte. With Joien Rodgers, soprano, Catherine Robbin, mezzo, ian Bostnidge, tenor, City of Birmingham Chorus and Youth Chorus. Deltas (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring): Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat); Britten (Spring Symphony)

9.15 Edmund Burlor: The Orpheus That Salted with the Amonaute. The first of flue literated teller.

9.15 Edmund Burloc. The Orpheus That Salled with the Argonauts. The first of five liberated talks this week, marking the 200th anniversary of his cleath. With Terry Edglaton, Professor of English Liberature at Oxford University

9.35 Pletnev Conducts Prokoflev. The Russian National Orchestra performs Romeo and Juliel

10.00 Volces. Isin Burnside goes welkabout with royally 10.45 Mibring it. Mark Russell and Robert Sandalt take a look at the elements of the latest dance music, with combibutions from the artists Squarepusher and A Guy Called Gerald

11.30 Composers of the Weels Schola Carstorum (f) 12.30cm Jazz Notes, Digby Fairweather introduces a tribute to the vateran trumpeter Doc Cheatham, who ded last month 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Great Planists Saint-Saëns perfrome his own compositions end works by Chopin, Ravel and Franck 2.05 European Symposium on Choral Music

Symposium on Choral Music

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Beyond the Millennum. The urban plenner Kevin Murray tells to Sheena McDonald about his visions of the future (2/8) 8.58 Weether 9.00 News 9.05 Scapbox. The third in a five-part discussion series hosted by Andraw Neil 10.00 News; Big Bang (FM), Jez Nelson returns with a new series of the science programme.

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10.30 Woman's Hour (FM), With Jenni Murray
10.50-1.00pm Test Metch Special (LW). Coverage of the final day's play in the third Test at Old Trafford
11.30 Money Box Live (FM). Personal finance news presented by Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM). Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whitelear
12.25pm Brain of Britain (FM). The second semi-final of the nationwide general knowledge quiz. Chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
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11.00 Tales from the Wildside. Fergus Keeling
explores the challenge and the excitement of
wildlife film-making (2/4) (f)

11.00 Education Matters (LW). Devid Welter presents
the essential guide to the learning world

11.30 Pet Semistary (PM). The third of Gregory Evens's
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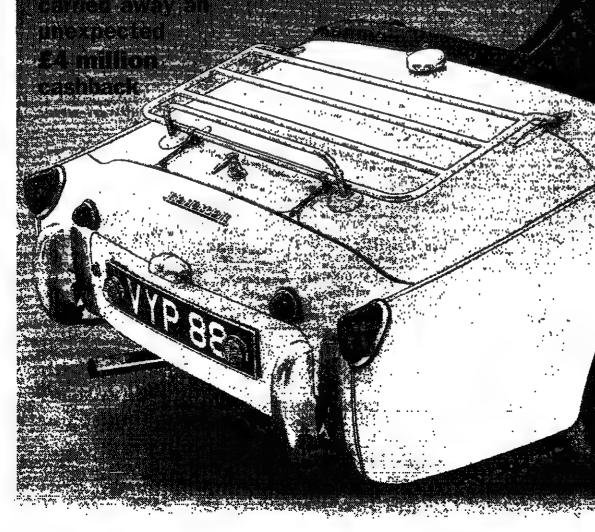
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It all began shortly before form on Friday with the sort of news bulletin that, as a space-struck little boy. I assumed would be commonplace by now. Item one Pathfinder due to land on Mars in a few seconds time. Item two: cosmonauts rehearse Mir rescue in Star City. This is how the future was supposed to be.

By yesterday morning, however, after I got up early to make sure Sojourner made it down the ramp. even I could see things were getting out of hand. We'll be back with the rest of the Earth news." said the straight-faced CNN anchor, "after these messages."

But back to Friday, which produced some quite wonderful tele-

tune to be watching BBC2, in which case it was quite dreadful. There, somebody had had the foresight to realise that the landing was going to be a big story and came up with A Weekend on Mars, a series of Mars-related programmes spread over three nights. All very splendid, except that somebody then decided that Mars was funny. Not interesting. awe inspiring or horizon-broaden-

ing - just hunny. Big mistake. Had Pathfinder sjammed into Mars and the mission ended in abrum failure as many of its predecessors have, then Clive Anderson might have been the right man for the flippant, superficial job. But the minute it became clear that it was going to be a success. Anderson's fate was sealed. He was hopeless, jokeless and ill-served by schedulers who hadn't done enough homework to realise that nothing of any interest was-

air. Still, it's always nice to see

n the other hand, CNN were treating an American spacecraft landing on another planet on Independence Day premy much as you would expect. Most of the evening schedule had been cleared for Journey to the Red Planet. After a shaky start, it produced some of the most riveting television of the year.

The shaky start stemmed from the fact that while years of planning and millions of dollars had gone into getting Pathfinder to Mars, two minutes and five bob had been spent on televising It. Two locked-off cameras monitored the control room in Pasadena - no close-ups, no panning or tracking. Just pictures of a group of shortsleeved men (the women inexplicably arrived later) watching computer monitors. Even the neverREVIEW



knowingly undersold CNN was underwhelmed. This is the moment they have been working for for years and it comes down to a bunch of guys walking around with their hands in their pockets."

Then came the first of many cheering and back-slapping sessions. Interpreting that one was pretty easy: we'd landed. A slightly less emberant outbreak of cuddling a few moments later marked. the unexpected radio signal (the electronic equivalent of "much". perhaps) that confirmed Pathlinder was on the surface. Four hours later came BBC2's one scoop of the evening, custing away from Anderson's bemused studio audience just in time for the hugs that marked the signal confirming Pathfinder was alive and well, rather than, as Anderson scientifically put it. Ty-ing in little bits". CNN was having one of its hotel breaks at the time.

The course of scientific progress

continued to be marked over the weekend by clapping, cuddles and the occasional shoulder massage I noticed creeping in at the back. We had high-gain antenna applause, black-and-white picture back-slaps collapsed airbag hugs (premature, it turned out) and colour picture cuddles. Some down-theramp rapture marked yesterday morning's big breakthrough. "The first autonomous vehicle that humankind has put on another

politically-correct man from CNN. Humankind? Neil Armstrong would never have made it down the ladder if he had had to remember stuff like that.

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nd finally: some of the most A memorable television came in the early hours of Saturday morning when the first live, black-and-white pictures were received. The pictures' quality was excellent, the number of them unexpected and the first panoramic landscapes made you gasp. I watched, unable to go to hed, swapping between CNN and Sky News, which had the same pictures but an alternative commentary from Nasa. It wasn't a Moonlanding but it was a genuine and exciting moment of history and yet not a single terrestrial channel covered it live. Woeful. All of which leaves me almost no

space for the rest of the weekend.

turned on cracking form, helped by the fact that nobody has had a dramatic change of hairstyle and that Jennifer Aniston looks much better in Princess Leia's gold bikini (sorry, no room to explain) than she does in those shampoo commercials. The New Adventures of Superman (BBCI) ended forever. confirming that Clark Kent and Lois Lane should never have got married and that Teri Hatcher should never have gut her hair cut.

Friends (Channel 4, Friday) re-

What else? The Grimleys (ITV, Saturday) was not nearly as much fun as I thought it was going to be and worked better as an exercise in 1970s nostalgia than it did as comedy. But Camilla (Channel 5). the story of Camilla Parker-Bowles's 25-year liaison with the Prince of Wales, was exactly what I thought it was going to be: superficial, familiar and unimpeccably sourced. So much for Earth news: back to Mars.

8.00am Business Breakfast (96842)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (31200)

4.00 Breakfast News Edits (1) (361191) 9.00 Breaklast News Extra (1) (3611910) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (/) (7) (11152(5) 9.50 Kilroy (1) (5714484) 9.50 Kirroy (1) (07 mith Philip Schoffeld

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10.50 Cricket — Third Test: England v Australia The final morning's play at Old. Trafford, where England haven't besten their Ashes avais for 10 years 12.35pm Neighbours (T) (8118262) their Ashes rivals for 16 years (31548571)

1.30 Regional News (42793533)

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7.00 Big Break Jim Davidson Invites snocker sters Martin Clark, Mark Davis and the Steve Davis to rack up points for the contestants (1) (6991)

7.30 Mastermind An artist, a foster cerer, a forenaic psychiatrist and a student occupy the black chair at the Cambridge Union Society, Specialist subjects are the Nuremberg trials, Buddy Holly, Oleve, Lady Beden-Powell and Dutch ext. from 1620 to 1672. Magnus Magnusson asks the questions (T) (755)

8.00 EastEnders The men in Peggy's life clash after she has a frightening expedence, and Dot gives Nigel more to worry about, less rube the neighbours up the wrong way, (T) (2039)

8.30 The Peter Principle Sugar goes for promotion, osusing burntaing benier. Peter to feel the heat, Jim Broadbent and Claire Skinner ster (1) (7674)

9.30 Birds of a Fasther With their business in ruins, Sharon and Tracey hope for a cash-

injection from the Japanese economy, but Garth has other ideas (T) (87858) 10.00 Panorama in-decth analysis of a toolcal

10.40 Partoraina (Proposition Inspector of the Appendix Compliante Denne Heinfeld Dream As Hampeterad Gerden Suburb approaches for centenbeen hijacked by the middle classes (1)

(594587)
11.40 A Dry White Season (1989) Donaid
Suthedand stars as a South African
schoolseacher who witnesses the brutality of government-backed racism first-hand when his black gardener is arrested and tortured to death, prompting him to begin a crusade against the system. Directed by Euzhan Peloy (1) (455820)

1.25am Weether (3237717)

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7.30 The Moosins (r) (7359858) 7.55 To Me, to You' (r) (1) (6110910) 8.20 Brum (r) (6898991) 8.35 Raccons (r) (2710820) 9.00 Hiss and Make Up (5920804) 9.10 The Phil Sávers Show (r) (1020194) 9.35 Grael Myths and Mysteries (2708736) 10.00 Teletubbies (93552)
18.30 Mr Skufferston (1944) with Bette Davis 18.30 Mr Startfagton (1944) with Bette Davis, Claude Rains and Walter Abel. A spoilt socialis marries a men she doesn't love to avoid a scandal. Directed by Vincent

erman (94912552) 12.35pm Cricket: Third Test England v Australia (21.16804)

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3.00 News (1) regional news and weather (1245194) 3.06 Yellow Line (r) (T) (6273858) 3.56 News (T) (2884484) 4.00 Cricket: Third Teet England v Australie.

The final session of what could be a chucial day in the Ashes series at Old

8.30 Athletics World Chempionship hopefuls line up for tonight's grand prix meeting in

8.00 Motormonth The Le Mans 24-hour race, Scottist: International Raily and the Goodwood Feetival of Speed (7) (3281)



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8.30 The Travel Show A fly-drive holiday along the Mexican border, a long-weekend break in Lisbon (\$216) 9.00 The Vicer of Dibley Eccles

altroom (r) (T) (1688) Want To Be Joe Public insight into the life of 35-year-old Tony, who has sparit most of his like behind bars (1) (19200)

19:00 Athletics Highlights from Stockholm

10.28 UK Image (735194) 10.30 Newsolght (T) (932378)

11.15 Cricket: Third Test Highlights from the line day's play at Old Trafford (267736) 11.55 Weather (893945) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (78882)

12.30mm Learning Zone: O U: Ensembles in Performance (1) (55243) 1.00 The Newtonians (35779) 1.30 Mex Ernst and the Surrealist Revolution (75156) 2.00 Great Outdoors Collections (12205) 4.00 Italia 2000 (88205) 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse: Science and Fine Art (86682) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update (79311)

HTV 6.00am GMTV (6228736)

9.25 Who, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1036755) 9.55 Regional Haws (9061692) 10.00 The Time, the Piace (97378) 16.30 This Morning (T) (94226804)

12.20pm Regional News (6729339) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6217587) 12.55 The Pulse (8123378) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37824823) 1.50 Side Effects (r) (4865587) 2.40 Dr Cumm Medicine

Voman (7632378) 3.20 News (T) (1252484) 3.30 Tots TV (r) (4631129) 3.40 Caribou Kitchen (1842552) 3.50 Where's Wally? (r) (T) (6437823) 4.15 Wood! (r) (T) (209094) 4.45 On Your Marks (T

5.10 Highway to Heaven (1/2) (1035587) 5.40 News (T) and weather (853942) 5.57 Pollen Count (328007)

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7.30 Commission Street Stave makes a move on Maxine and Les Battersby tries to interest Roy in some dublous merchan-8.00 World in Action Revealing how

unscrupulous fundraisers are persuading members of the public to part with mone they think is going to charity (1) (7007) 8.30 Turner Round the World Last of the alobetrotting game show (9842)



9.00 Bramwell On the eve of his wedding to Alice, Robert announces he is no longer prepared to support his daughter's work at the Thrift. With Devid Calder and Maureen Beattle. Last in series (T) (5736)

10.00 News (T) and weather (80649) 10.20 Regional News (323736) 10.39 Pollen Count (890910)

10.40 The Time Traveller: in Search of Cheddar Man New series exploring the past with archeologist Mick Aston, beginning with the 9,000-year-old 'Cheddar Man' whose remains were found in Gough's Cave in Cheddar Gorge

11.15 Highlander (720820) 12.10am Alfred Hilchcook Present (5578175)

12.40 The Ordesi of Bill Carney (1981) with Pichard Crema, Ray Sharkey and Betty Buckley. The true story about a quadraplegic's court battle to gain Jerry London (623392)

2.35 Rockmania (r) (4971021) 3.35 God's Gitt (r) (5526040) 4.35 World in Action (r) (1) (22188595) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (98840) 5.30 News (73137) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1935557) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (97251.

2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (5627945)

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12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (\$129378)

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5.20 Asian Eye (9664403

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3.00 Film: Rage on ice (%:000)

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6.25-7.00 Central News 751723:

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street 1035557

10.40 Film: The Killing Mind (57453615)

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6.20-7.00 Summer Getaways (939) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (410216) 10.45 The P (950630)

11.10 The Listings (732620) 11.15 Go Fishing (367939) 11.45 Sufft Justice (623378) 5.00am Freescreen (88840)

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1.50 Up Shot (59716026) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5019194) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1035587)

6.23 Apolio Weather (581649) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (781723) 10.40 Cross Question (407007)

11.40 Highlander (366571)

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6.00am Sesame Street (r) (29552) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (24916) 9.00 Bewitched fr. (T) (70026) 9.30 The Monroes A new drama series with William Devane as John Monroe, a multi-

millionaire heading a political dynasty in Washington DC (1721262) 10.25 Divine Magic (n) (Tr (6041736) 11.25 Secrets of the Moor (1/6) (r) (T) (5801129) 11.56 Gustev the Gardener

(6456200) 12.00 Members Only (f) (T) (50262) 12.30pm Caroline in the Cay (r) (T) (57864) 1.00 Springhill (T) (56957084) 1.25 Dnft Net 1834797361

1.30 Mardi Gras (1958) An off-beat musical with Par Bosne and Christine Carere Directed by Edmund Goulding (T)

3.30 Here's One 1 Made Earlier (945) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (552) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8259991) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (2282674) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (216)

6.00 Tour De France The 262km stage from St Valery on Caux to Vire (129) 6.30 Hollyonks Teen soap (T) (281)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (832587) 7.50 Chester Mystery Plays The Bible stones performed by the local people of Chester (1) (491007)

8.00 Dosh Adam Faith's guide to money management focuses on CV's, successful job interview techniques and the best ways to deal with cowboy contractors (6/8) (T) (5649)

8.30 Absolutely Animals A dog being trained to warn his epileptic owner of impending tish tank clean. Plus, a report on the rise of deer poaching in Devon (T) (7484)



General Chuck Yeager (9.00pm)

9.00 Secret History: Breaking the Sound Barrier How Britain was nearly first to fly faster than eound (T) (3378)

10.00 NYPD Blue (T) (601216) 10.55 Mao's New Suit A profile of two young

Chinese fashion designers (T) (2700674) 12.00 Canto Fever The lives of three Manchester University students who share a love of Cento Pop music (3774972) 12.20am Three Colours: Red (1994) The last

film of a Krzyszto! Kiesłowski Inlogy, stamng Jean-Louis Trintignant and Irene Jacob in French with English subtitles (T) 2.05 100 Years of Polish Cinema Polish

cinema as seen through the eyes of the audience (9772663) 3.20 A Short Film About Love (1988) A drama about a 19-year-old's voyeuristic obsession with a designer. In Polish with English subtitles (601972) 4.55 Tour De France (r) (4026750)

5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (71779)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound:

6.00am 5 News Early (9690736)

7.02 and 7.20 MHz

7.30 Havakazoo (7426823) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7316620) 8.30 WideWorld The history and develop-

ment of the Earth (5/10) (7315991) 9.00 Espresso Daily consumer magazine presented by Edwina Currie (3015281)

10.00 Hospital Live The Renal Unit of Guy's Hospital, London (r) (5095991) 10.30 Attractions (7335755) 11.00 Lesza (6977571) 11.50 Double Espresso

(19808129) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7326007) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (4990465) 1.00 5 News (52516561)

1.05 Sunset Beach Sun and sand scep (T) (8933552) 2.00 5's Company (6913007) 3.30 A Million to One (1993) starring and directed by Paul Rodinguez. A cornedy about a street vendor who discovers that being rich is not necessarily a pathway to happiness (1432552)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68056465) 5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a

6.00 Move on Up A game show with a host — Richard Morton (7833858)

6.30 Family Affairs Tim is arrested for the attack on Lee (T) (7744910) 7.00 Tell the Truth: Should Hunting Be

Banned? Kirsty Young chairs a studio discussion (9938484) 8.00 Hot Property This week's buyers are a middle-aged couple who want to move to a smaller Sussey home now that ther children have flown the nest (T)

8.30 5 News (T) (6008804)



9.00 Neighbors (1981) starring John Belushi, Kathryn Walker and Dan Aykroyd. A cornedy about a suburban couple whose lives are turned upside down by the amval of an odd couple in the house next 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and

comedy (1557668) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (5853723) 12.35am Live and Dangerous presented by Dominik Diamond Including the Summer

X Games at 2.00 (28071311) 4.40 The Streets of San Francisco Detective series starring karl Malden and Michael Douglas (6350427)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3004448)

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8.00am Moming Glory (746820) 9.00 Regia and Kathe Lee (43723) 10.00 Another World (85281) 11.00 Pays of-Grs Lives (58945) 12.00 Oprah Whitey (24303) 1.00pm Geraldo (37823) 2.00 Selly Jessy Rephesi (38223) 3.00 Jenny Jones (4448) 4.00 Oprah Whitey (5684) 5.00 Star Tiek The Next Generation (2656) 6.00 The Live 6 Show (6026) 6.30 Matried — with Children (2028) 2.00 The Strospos 11465 7.30 (7378) 7.00 The Simpsons (1485) 7.30 MrA'S'H (6262) 8.00 Star Tiek. Voyager (76735) 9.00 Poltergest: The Legscy (89200) 10.00 The Commiss (62527) 11.00 Star Trek: The Need Generation (68910) 12.00 Lete Show with Lettermion (57798) 1.00mm Hit Mix (8164446)

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8.00am The Latter (1981) (39598239)
7.45 Heart Like a Wheel (1983) (344853)
9.45 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991)
(55679823) 11.30 Seasons of the Heart (1993) (42625484) 1.15pm Flight of the Dovas (1971) (48428571) 3.00 ft Could Happen to You (1994) (58736) 5.50 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991) (91587)
7.00 Hornules and the Last Kingdom (1994) (62194) 9.00 Losing Isalish (1996) (64991) 11.00 Pulp Flotion (1994) (8533022) 1.35am Beyond Rangeos (1995) (362040) 3.16 Even Complete Get Ne Blake (Film) (226863) 4.50 Heart Like Wheel (1995) (1995) (1995) (1995) 4.50 Heart Like Wheel (1995) (1995) (1995) (1995) (1995) (1997) 3.15 Even Complete Get Ne Blake (Film) (226863) 4.50 Heart Like Wheel (1995) (1995) (1997) (1

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8.00pm. David and Bathshebs (1951) 2735620 8.00 The Golden Child (1966) 2747485 10.00 Hearthresk Ridge (1968) 85164910 12.10mm Tan Tall Men-(1967) (106446 1.50 Modesty Blaise-(1966) (6460069) 3.50-5.20 Marder Ahoy (1964) [44839595] TNT

9.00pm The Philadelphia Story (1940) (87151910) 11.00 Key Largo (1949) (77704785) 12.45em Minotrika (1939) (91890750) 2.45-5.90 The Philadelphia Story (1940) (97338779) SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Extrama Sport (91674) 7.30 Watersports World (47465) 8.30 Facing News'
(15738) 9.00 World Sport Special (93736)
9.30 Aerobics (42378) 10.00 Rupby
League: St Helens v Bradlond (55862)
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Pumbaa (5338842) 8.20 Goof Troop (4881597) 8.00 Tele Spin (6099533) 9.25 Akadoin (5000218) 10.15 Mighty Ducks (3305897) 11.00 Boy Meets World (5475552) 11.35 Timon and Pumba (1374827) 12.00 Employment (1374827) 12.00 Employment (1374827) 12.00 Employment (1374827) 12.00 Employment (1374827) (4744823) 12.05pm Borkers (1282991) 12.50 Mouse and Mittle (20088842) 12.38 12.30 Mouse and Mote principal(1) 12.35 Big Garage (36128291) 12.50 Sing Me a Story (6382281) 1.15 Amazing Animals (53757145) 1.40 Albertans in Wordesterd (21063282) 2.05 Sing Me a Wordesterd (21063282) 2.05 Sing Me (652200) 2.10 Lambothop's Phy-Along (28893026) 3.10 Lambothop's 3.10 Table Spining (25737587) 4.30 Everyday's a Chooseday (26737) 3.10 Audion (245226) 2.20 Phy-Mees World (2804) 7.30 Brothey Love (2128) 7.30 Philip Pressy (1982) 95291823 2.05 Dave's World (2806216) 2.20 Laton Lib a Work (2810)

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

MONDAY JULY 7 1997

Abbey faces compensation call over preference shares

CITY institutions that bought £125 million of preference shares issued by Abbey National are to press the bank to compensate them for losses they will suffer because of the removal of tax credits in the Budget.

Investors bought the Abbey stock eagerly phead of the Budget because it carried a guarantee that holders would be compensated against cuts

tax. In the event, ACT was left unchanged but pension funds were stopped from claiming back prepaid dividend tax, with similar effect. Charities and personal equity plans will also also be affected by the change, although not until 1999.

The Budget surprise leaves a dilemma for Abbey, which had previously issued £200 million of similar preference stock to enlarge its capital base. Abbey said last night: "We are aware of the issue but until the draft legislation is

published we cannot acually be clear as regards our position."

While many conventional shares have bounced up since the Budget, there have been no compensations for preference shares. Most are valued solely for their permanently fixed dividends. Net income from preference shares will fall by a fifth for funds that were previously entitled to claim back tax from the Inland Revenue. But unit trusts can

Many pension funds sold preference shares after the election for fear of a Labour attack on dividend reliefs, so prices fell before the Budget. Their future is now confused, with institutions hoping that private investors in need of high

income will buy the shares at

hargain prices. Charles Marsh, a preference share specialist at BZW, said: "The market is slowly digesting the Budget and is in a fairly fragile state." Prices have fallen, but not by

Stamworth, who analyses preference shares for Prudential, said the market was in confusion with limited trading and truth uncer-tainty about who now owns the bulk of preference issues. In the eight weeks before the Budget, however, preference shares had already underperformed by almost as much as the loss of value to pension funds

in the Rudget.

deem their preference shares. Last time the tax regime was changed to hit dividends, in Labour's 1965 Budget, many companies swapped their preference capital for loan

There has been an upsurge in issues of preference stock, mainly by banks seeking to improve solvency ratios and partly from utility com-panies, which have used preference surplus cash to shareholders.

German key to TUC plan for more ' power

BY OLIVER AUGUST

THE Trades Union Congress has taken advice from its German counterpart on how to maximise its power under new legislation aimed at increasing union repres-

Dieter Schulte, head of the DGB union federation, has briefed TUC officials on German tactics which strengthen central bargaining powers.

Herr Schulte said unions should not shy away from conflict, but he counselled against relying too much on he German system of Vertrauensleute - shop stewards with links to both the workers and the management. Instead, he advised the TUC to centralise power as much as possible.

He said: "Unions should not be too localised inside the their link to the national union body which, in turn, will lose

In Germany, unions wield powers not seen in Britain since the 1970s. Important government decisions are often influenced by the stance taken by the DGB.

In many sectors, German unions negotiate across-the-board pay deals. When the unions feel they have been ignored or when they have a political axe to grind, they stage strikes and protest marches involving hundreds

of thousands of workers.

Herr Schulte said: The unions have to speak with one voice. In Germany, for example, this has made us very strong with regard to fiscal policy. He also held talks with the Confederation of prinzi Tronzel and Bosell ment ministers, including Field amd Alan Frank]

Howarth. Labour said in its election manifesto: "People should be free to join or not to join a union. Where they decide to join, and where a majority of the relevant workforce vote in a ballot for the union to represent them, the union should be recognised. There will be full consultation on the most effective means of imple-

GEC poised to buy Italian defence group GEC is poised to take over Alenia Difensa, the Italian ship of its defence manufactur-

defence firm, after the reorganisation to be announced tomorrow by George Simpson, the GEC chief executive. The takeover will make

GEC the world's fourth-biggest defence company and the biggest outside the US. GEC and Alenia's combined delence revenues of \$6.7 billion would exceed British Aerospace's total \$6.5 billion. Alenia is controlled by stateowned Finmeccunica.

Mr Simpson has held talks with Fabiano Fabiani, the Finmeccanica chairman, and Giamaria Gros-Pietro, the chief executive. The Italians are believed to have initiated the talks and favour a takeover.

GEC-Marconi, the GEC defence arm, is set to receive Italian government approval this month for a strategic alliance with Alenia on avionics, navat electronics, radat and missile seekers. According to GEC insiders

and analysis, the alliance is a preamble to forming a 50:50 joint venture followed by an outright purchase of the busi-The Italian Government has

vignalled to GEC that, unlike the French Government, it has no objections to foreign owner-

ers. Paris recently thwarted GEC's attempt to buy Thon-son-CSF, the world's sixth-

largest defence company. Charles Armitage, analyst at Lehman Brothers, said: "I see GEC taking a half equity stake in Alenia Difensa in the short term. Finmeccanica is undergoing major restructuring at the moment.

become involved in a battle with BAe over Alenia's missile business. He said: "It's the one area BAe wants to get." The Italian Government is

seeking to sell its majority stake in Finmeccanica because it has decided that its defence industry is not large enough to prosper on its own, given the pace of consolidation of US arms makers.

Alenia accounts for 70 per cent of Italian defence manufacturing. The alliance with

GEC-Marconi's search for the main focus of Mr Simpson's strategy announcement tomorrow. International alliances and mergers will be the key for European defence companies to competing with their giant US rivals. Mr Simpson is still believed to be

pursuing the French Government over the privatisation of Thomson-CSF.

GEC could withdraw from areas such as telecoms, in which its GPT business is part of a joint venture with Siemens of Germany. Siemens is currently looking for a buyer of its defence electronics arm. which includes Plessey. Alr Armitage said: "GEC is favourite to win Siemens-Plessey. BAe is also bidding. but that's a 'like-to-have' bid, while GEC's is much more of a 'need-to-have' bid."

Mr Simpson is believed to be considering un asset swap with Siemens. GEC's stake in GPT is worth about £1.1 billion. In return for full ownership of GPT, Siemens could lump together Plessey, which is worth about £500 million, and its medical systerns division. Siemens has

world's eighth-biggest defence company while Finmeccanica is ranked fourteenth. The defence industry is undergo-ing a rapid consolidation. Last week. Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, the biggest and the fifth-biggest dence companies, announced a \$11.6 billion merger.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED will

tell the City today that Mark

Corbidge, joint chief execu-

tive, is on the verge of resign-

ing just three months after the

football club joined the stock

Mr Corbidge joined New-castle from NatWest Markets

late last year to help to pre-

But Mr Corbidge is be-

lieved to have become disillusioned with the reluctance of

Sir John Hall to cede manage-

ment control of the club.

Questions have also been

raised over Mr Corbidge's

relationship with Freddie Fletcher, joint chief executive.

who is understood to enjoy

Mr Corbidge's departure

will raise doubts over the

future of Jo Dixon, the dub's

finance director and another

former NatWest employee.

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further quarter point on

Smiles from John Stewart and the "Woolwich girl", but analysts think the flotation price is not much to laugh about Waterstone's thinks small

THE Woolwich's 25 million members will be celebrating an average windfall of well makes its stock market debut. are expecting Woolwich shares to exceed

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Analysis have expressed

concern that the Woolwich,

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Further rate rise expected

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

sensus in the City is that the Bank will stick to a quarter

point rise ahead of its quarter-

inflation report in August.

likely to prompt another rally

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pound to rise to DM3.00 in the

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trialists predicting that the

continued strength of sterling could cost up to 500,000 jobs

While Idea, the financial

research consultancy, has forecast the pound could hit

Newcastle United chief

goes on the transfer list

Sir John: stepped down

and the relationship with

NatWest, Newcastle's broker.

Newcastle appointed Mr Corbidge as joint chief execu-

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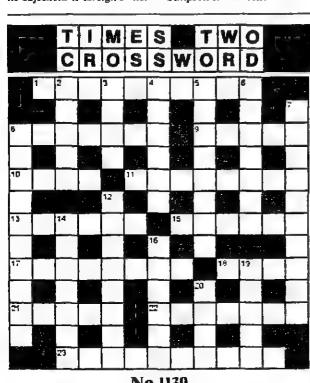
forecast of £1,233.

Waterstone's said it will bookshops in the country.

While many small indepenthe net book agreement. Waterstone's already trades very effectively from smaller stores such as those in WinThe company has drawn up a list of 42 priority locations

for the new shops, which will be in the region of 2,500 sq ft and will carry about 25,000 titles. The list includes Altrino-Camberley, Ayr, Rugby, Scar-borough, Truro and Yeovil.

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and an adviser to Gordon

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with Mr Corbidge reluctant to

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Corbidge has become increas-

ingly isolated on the board

with Mr Fletcher, who is

officially reponsible for footballing matters, also se-

curing the support of Freddy

Shepherd, the vice-chairman

Mr Corbidge's departure would leave Mr Fletcher as

sale chief executive, a position

he enjoyed until Mr Corbidge's arrival.

Sir Terence Harrison.

Newcastle chairman, said:

The board confirms that it is

in discussions with Mr

Corbidge about his future." Mr Corbidge is entitled to a

pay-off in excess of £500,000.

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ham, Bury St Edmunds, Most of the stores Waterstone's has opened in recent years have been of between 4,500 sq ft and 10,000 sq ft. mostly in medium-sized towns and cities. In September

claims it will be the biggest bookshop opened in Britain in the past 50 years. WH Smith has been strug-

gling to redefine a role for its flagship store chain. Hopes of a turnaround recently suffered a setback when Bill Cockburn, group chief executive, decided to leave after only two years to

The company's shares fell to a new low of 354 p last Friday, down from 4832p earlier this year. ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR YOUR

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Prince removed by Hun Sen in Cambodia coup

THE forces of Hun Sen, one of Cambodia's two Prime Minisof Phnom Penh, the capital after an apparent coup ended two days of heavy fighting. In a radio broadcast, Hun

as Gaullig

leader

Sen described his rival, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, as a "traitor". He was no longer a Co-Prime Minister in the shattered coalition Government and would be replaced, Hun

From Paris it was reported. that Prince Ranariddh was in France and was staying to "organise resistance" to his removal by Hun Sen. This "illegal and criminal adven-ture" had put the country in." peril, the Prince said in a estatement.

Yesterday's fighting ceased after the surrender of Prince Ranariddh's forces and a virrual blackout descended on the capital. Phone lines were cur. the airport was closed and roads into the city were sealed.

But the system of government under which two Prime Ministers have ruled Cambodia jointly appeared dead and the seeds had been sown of a new civil war. Outbreaks of fighting were reported from five provinces.

On Saturday, troops and tanks loyal to Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister and

Foreigners flee fighting

ABOUT 60 expatriates, led by Colonel David Mead, the Australian defence attaché, fled the Cambodia fighting yes-terday and crossed into eastern Thailand. He they were mostly nongovernment organis-ation workers, including some Britons. (Reuter)

leader, surrounded the head-quarters of Prince Ranaroyalist Funcinnec party, and the houses of high-

ranking officials.
Prince Ranaridon, the First Prime Minister, had earlier left on a private visit to Paris, despite warnings that Hun Sen, with whom he has been engaged in a power struggle. was plotting military action.

In the subsequent fighting, at least nine people were killed, including one Japanese citizen, and more than 50 seriously wounded, hospital The fighting triggered an

exodus by thousands of people trying to flee the city on foot, bicycle or motorcycle. Hun-Government is ready to choose a new First Prime former Communist Party dreds more were trying to



Residents flee the Phnom Penh fighting as smoke billows from burning fuel

Protests against anti-Islam artist spread to Iran

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

TATIANA SUSSKIN, 25, an art school dropout who emigrated from Russia six years ago, has succeeded singlehandedly in convulsing the Islamic world and uniting it in fury against Israel in a fashion not seen since the 1982 Leba-

Yesterday protests prompted by her crudely drawn poster depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a bloated pig stamping on the Koran spread to the streets of Tehran, where 10,000 franians gathered in front of a UN office chanting "Death to Israel"

Demonstrators carried banners condemning "Israel's sucrilege against Islam and the holy Prophet Muhammad* and calling for the destruction of the 49-year-old Jewish state. Earlier, similar mass protests were staged in places as far apart as Bangladesh and Nazareth, the biblical rown in Galilee where Israeli Arab protesters attacked vehicles and stoned the police.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, protesters against the caricature burnt an effigy of a black-hatted ultra-Orthodox Jew. In Hebron, where Ms Susskin fanned the flames of religious fanaticism by sticking 20 of the posters on Arab shopfronts, a week of fierce rioting left 150 Palestinians wounded. Yesterday copies of the Koran were found torn and smeared with paint in a Hebron school.

Israeli police investigators have put together a profile of the young extremist who believes that a holy war in the region is imminent and who remains unrepentant for her action, although orders for her assassination have come from leading Islamic clerics. She is in an Israeli jail awaiting trial on charges — including incit-ing hatred and stoning an Arab car - that could put her behind bars for 24 years.

The Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Aharonot, in tracing Ms Susskin's past, said that she appeared to be heavily influenced by her short, dark bearded boylriend. Yehuda Shomron - also an immigrant from the former Soviet Union — who is an activist in the outlawed anti-Arab Kach

Last month the couple went

to the compound of Jerusalem's Al Agsa mosque, the third holiest Muslim shrine after Mecca and Medina, also the site of the former Jewish Temple. Near offices of the Muslim clergy, Ms Susskin pulled off a shirt to reveal a Kach T-shirt and Mr Shomron sat on the ground intoning a Jewish prayer. Israeli police just managed to extract the pair from an angry Palestin-

ian mob. In a bail hearing. Ms Susskin, who has a liver disorder, told a judge she had no job and no family in Israel. After her arrival here from Russia. she studied intermittently for four years at the Bezalel art school, where she was known as a problematic student who eventually left

without a degree. For the Hebron mission, she purchased an Arab-English dictionary in a Jerusalem bookshop, Ms Susskin then traced the Arabic letters for Muhammad" and "Koran" unto the now notorious drawing of the Prophet denicted as a pig wearing a Yassir Arafatstyle Arab keffiyeh and stamping on the book with one troner, while using a pen in the other to write it.

Israel's President, its Prime Minister and Chief Rabbi have all issued profuse apolo-



Susskin is escorted into

Chechens step up search for two kidnapped Britons



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watched two columns of

smoke billowing against the city skyline after shells hit a

petrol station and a tentile factory. Many foreign resi-

dents checked into a five-star

hotel where Western embas-

sies co-ordinated assistance

Late yesterday, Prince Ranariddh's forces still held

ground to the west of the city

and their Tang Krasang mili-

tary base near the airport. Hun Sen's party came sec-ond to Funcinpec in United

Nations-sponsored elections

in 1993. The rivals formed a

coalition but their differences have intensified recently after

the apparent break-up of the

Khmer Rouge and the report-

ed arrest, by more moderate elements of the faction, of Pol Pot, its leader.

Prince Ranariddh has been

seeking to deal with these

elements, headed by Khieu

Samphan, to whom he was

previously allied, and win

them over to his side of the

In his radio broadcast, Hun

Sen urged Funcinpec dissi-

dents to fill the Prince's post of

First Prime Minister. The

position.

and information.

Phnom Penh residents

THE Chechen authorities yesterday stepped up efforts to free two kidnapped British aid workers amid claims of criminal negligence" over the failure of the charity for which they work to abide by security arrangements.

Police in the breakaway republic said that they had formed a special squad to hunt for Camilla Carr and Jon James, both in their thirties, who had recently arrived in Grozny to work for the littleknown Centre for Peacemaking and Community Development.

After their abduction on Thursday

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Government announced that three people had been arrested: two bodywards who worked for the charity and a local aid worker. Sympathy for the plight of the Britons, who are among about 20 kidnan victims in Chechnya, was tempered with criticism that they had gone to the Chechen capital without informing either the British, Russian or local

The couple worked for a Quaker body involved in caring for traumatised child-ren, which sources said did not participate in normal shared security arrangements. A spokesman for Medical Emergency Reilef International (Merlin) said in London: "We have not come

small organisation which is not working in the network of agencies out there." Since the war broke out in Chechnya

two and a half years ago, the Foreign Office has issued repeated travel advice warning Britons not to visit the breakaway province. Russians and Chechens issued similar warnings since a spate of kidnappings, including foreigners, who have only been released after the payment of ransoms.

This whole story is rather surprising. said Ivan Rybkin, the Russian National Security Adviser, and co-ordinator on Chechnya. "We had never even heard of the organisation they were supposed to

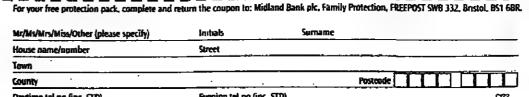
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Senators braced for hearings fight on Clinton funds

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTER munths of backstage squabbling, televised Senate hearings begin tomorrow to try to unearth the truth about the American campaign fundraising scandal.

Many questions need to be answered, some relating to national security, about the millions that flowed into President Clinton's re-election campaign and what favours, if any, they bought. Already the Democrats have returned more than \$3 million (£1.8 million) in donations, saying they were from foreign sources and rherefore illegal.

There is enough intrigue for a John Le Carré novel: allegations of laundered payments from China. Asian tycoons ushered into White House coffee mornings. Buddhist nuns illegally raising funds at a California temple and wellheeled American couples enjoying overnight stays in the Lincoln Bedroom or trips on Air Force One in exchange for \$100,000 or more.

Mr Clinton's legacy could be stained by the outcome, and the White House ambitions of Al Gore, his Vice-President, could suffer a severe setback. The legality of fundraising by both of them from the White House has been questioned.

The hearings could bolster the presidential hopes in 2000

of their chairman, Fred Thompson, Republican senator and occasional Hollywood character actor in such films as In the Line of Fire and The Hunt for Red October.

Or the whole exercise could turn into a yawn, Some key players are refusing to testify. Among them are John Huang and Charlie Trie, both naturalised Americans from China. Mr Huang was a fundraiser at the heart of the scandal with links to the CIA, Asian financial conglomerates and the Chinese Embassy in Washington. Many believe he will invoke the Fifth Amendment to avoid incriminating himself under oath.

Mr Trie, an acquaintance of Mr Clinton from Arkansas days, was another energetic fundraiser who took the head of a Chinese arms company implicated in smuggling weapons into the United States to meet the President at the White House. Mr Trie is now ensconced in Shanghai, refusing to comment.

Without this pair and other shy witnesses, the hearings may lack dramatic revelations. Worse, in the fog of recriminations between Republicans and Democrats the opportunity may be lost to close the loopholes through which "soft money" pours into

party coffers, evading the limit of \$1,000 in donations to individual candidates.

Mr Thompson is determined to keep the narrative on track. He disclosed yesterday that he had asked Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, for help in asking China for information. Beijing strongly denies making any

campaign payments.
White House aides and their Democratic allies at the hearings, led by Senator John Glenn, the former astronaut, are trying to derail Mr Thompson's efforts. They have raised the spectre of the Republicans having to answer for donations from Hong Kong to one of their thinktanks. Mr Clinton has denied that government decisions were ever directly influenced by the size of contributions. A separate investigation is

under way by the Justice Department into the Chinese Government's alleged channelling of money to the Democrats and potential acts of economic espionage by Mr Huang when he worked for the Commerce Department. This parallel inquiry has frustrated Mr Thompson who wants immunity for witnesses at his hearings but has run into objections from the Justice Department.



Hollister, California, plays host for the rally celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "invasion" that inspired the rise of biker culture

Town welcomes new invasion of wild ones

that gave birth to biker culture. In 1947 a Los Angeles motorcyle gang, the Boozefighters, led by "Wino Willie" Forkner, besieged Hollister,

population 4,500, for the Indepenence Day holiday. About 3,000 beerswilling bikers, many recently demobbed after the Second World War, raced down the main commercial strip, rode into bars and even plotted to rescue a friend from the The so-called "invasion of Hollister" glamorised bikers outlaw culture and sent shockwaves through

Middle America. *Life* magazine pul lished a now legendary photograph— — one witness said it was staged — of a drunken gang member slumped on his gleaming Harley-Davidson.

The invasion inspired the 1954 film

The Wild One, with Marlon Brando

and Lee Marvin, as well as the Shangri-Las' 1965 hit, Leader of the

The throng of motorcyclists that took over Hollister at the weekend seemed downright respectable. Many were doctors or lawyers, so-called weekend bikers riding \$30,000 and housewives and farmers," said parties got slower."

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

TENS of thousands of motorcyclists. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of numbled into a California cow town Colorado, an avid biker. "If anything, at the weekend to celebrate the motorcycles have become an escape gathering there half a century ago. from high-stress lifestyles."
Hollister, which now has a popula

tion of 25,000, closed four blocks of its main street and the motorcyclists, estimated to number more than 50,000, just craised up and down. cranking their throttles. Townspeople seemed enthusiastic. Saldon owners hired extra barmen, shops displayed signs proclaiming themselves "biker friendly" and a local chiropractor advertised "bikers specials". The cinema played The Wild One over and over again for those who just had to

see it one more time. One biker was arrested for possible drunken driving when he swerved onto the pavement and injured four hystanders. But there were only nine other arrests, seven for drunkenness and two for prostitution.

Wine Willer, the anti-here of the

1947 myssion, was unable to attend he died of heart disease two weeks before the tamiversary. But many other old-timers were among the throng Danny "Little Devil" Fox, 73. took part in the original invasion as a member of the Galloping Goose gang Asked to compare the two events, he said: The difference is that

Mexican rulers face defeat

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MEXICO CITY

MILLIONS voted in Mexico's first free multiparty elections yesterday, arguably the most historic development in the country since the revolution. which started in 1910.

Although the results of the elections will not be known until late today, there can be little doubt that Mexicans have begun to put behind them a 68-year system marked by the domination of the State and government by one party. Governed for decades by the monolithic Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). Mexico the same after these elections.

is on the brink of securing a genuine plural democracy.

Voting took place for the lower house of Congress, a quarter of the Senate, six state governorships, and the post of Mayor of Mexico City. The turnout was healthy, and President Zedillo, who belongs to the embattled PRI, urged the country's citizens to vote "with their conscience".

The exhortation was unnecessary. Mexicans are aware that they are making history. According to Gilberto Meza. editor Media Comunicación magazine, inc

country will never again be

"Mexico is taking an irrevers-ible psychological step away from its murky political past." Caim prevailed across the country as voters queued up.

Televised pictures of Señor Zedillo, hobbling on crutches after an operation on his right ankle, served as an eloquent metaphor for the decline in his party's fortunes.

Every single reputable preelection poll has predicted that the PRI will lose its majority in Congress. The victor in Mexico's City's first mayoral poll is almost certain to be Cuauh-Cárdenas, the most popular President Mexico has had.

Franco-US bickering sours 'historic' Madrid summit

Marion Brando in a hell-raising image from The Wild One

CONFLICTS of interest within Nato, particularly between France and the United States. have soured the atmosphere for what was supposed to be an all-embracing "historic" summit in Madrid tomorrow.

The meeting will still be hailed as a success and the main topic on its agenda -Nato's expansion eastwards will be heralded as one of the most significant developments since the foundation of the alliance in 1949. However, the items left off the list which were on it just a few months ago - France's reintegration into Nato's military structure and a new streamlined command — are still a long way

from being resolved.

The difficulties over changing the command structure involve territorial disputes between Spain and Portugal, and between Greece and Tur-key, as well as the row between France and the United States over who should run the southern Europe

headquarters in Naples. However, France has given the impression of throwing down the gauntiet on a number of key issues which has provoked a standoff between Paris and Washington, not least over the size of the expansion programme, with France demanding that Romania and Slovenia be included, as well as Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. William Cohen, the new American Defence Secretary. has adopted a tough approach with the French which has added to the strained relations, according to diplomatic RUNCES.

The result is that a significant amount of bargaining between the Nato leaders will still be needed tomorrow to ensure that the summit concludes with an agreed communiqué on how the alliance enlarges over the next five years and beyond.

Meanwhile, the question of France rejoining the military structure that it left in the 1960s has been postponed for an indeterminate period. •

France announced last week that reintegration would not be possible after all, largely NATO

wanted to be rewarded for putting Paris back into the military structure with the promise of a European taking over the southern command from the Americans. With the US Sixth Fleet operating in the Mediterranean from Naples, the Americans said this was. out of the question and have. refused to budge. Despite the involved. The WEU will be

there have been a number of significant developments which will be highlighted during the aummit. Considerable progress has been made in developing a European security and defence identity within the alliance - with the full approval of the French.

Alliance sources said that Nato was now engaged in defence planning on behalf of the Western European Union (WEU), the organisation of ten countries, all members of Nato, which will take on the job of running peacekeeping or humanitarian operations when the Americans are not

ing American strategic air-

craft if required. Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, the British Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has also now taken on the role of commander_of any future operational WEU force. When he retires, the job could become a rota appointment, giving the French the chance to command a WEU force, but only once they have reintegrated into Nato's military structure. This is viewed as one of the biggest incentives for France

to return to the fold. Leading article, page 27

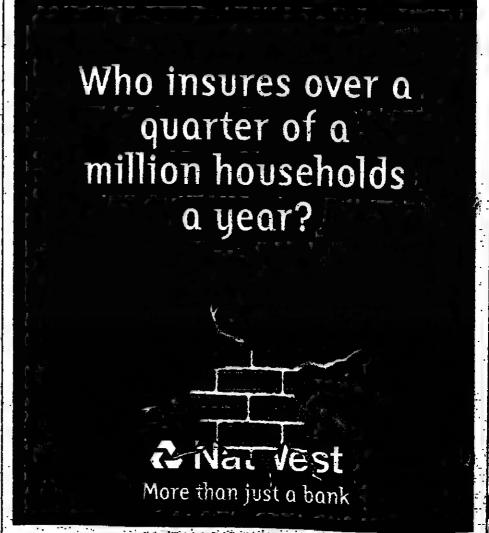
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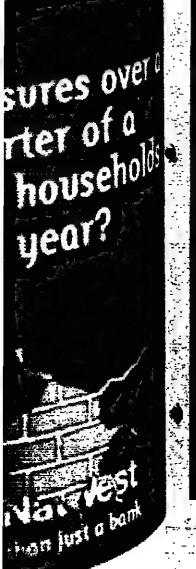
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As darkness falls many workers clock in, but one doctor proposes that night work affects health adversely and that a treatment can be developed

All light on the night

are far from silent at night. As most of us are reaching for our cocoa, a battalion of newspapers, yet little research the hormone from being pro-has been conducted into their duced in the first place should workers is just stirring into action. It is estimated that up wellbeing."
The biological clock resides to a fifth of the working population carries out its duties at night - stacking shelves, - keeping assembly lines going, running hospitals

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maintaining power stations. There is one problem: they have the same biological clock as day workers. Night workers often have trouble seeping through the day, and some times find it hard to stay cal alerthess - the highest awake on their shift, which peak occurs at dawn, but means mistakes vigilance levels

happen. Dr Law-rence Smith, a psy-chologist at Leeds University, discovout the same job. night workers suffered 20 per cent more injuries than day workers.

well' Now he is setting up a laboratory of theory that light can be used to fool the human body clock. He .. has been given £104,000 from the nuclear industry to carry out a detailed investigation. There are many negative aspects to working at night."

Dr Smith says. "People become very sleepy, they get irritable, and don't perform very well. They sleep badly: during the day, and become moody with their families. We rely on these people for our

security, for our power, for our

Bright lights could help nightshift workers to overcome tiredness, says Anjana Ahuja

ing in bright light."

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have some experience of shift

in the hypothalamus, a cherrysized part of the brain, located behind the eyes, that regulates physiological processes, such as body temperature and blood pressure over a 24-hour, cycle. These patterns are called circadian er diurnal rhythms. The cycles lead to peaks and troughs in mental and physi-

> the early hours. One of Dr Smith's aims will be to vulnerability" during the 24-hour cycle for shift wor-

However, the body clock appears to be influenced by light, because one of the chemicals at its disposal is sensi-

tive to light. Melatonin, a harmone, is produced by the brain's pineal gland. Its release is thought to be blocked by light entering the eye, consequently the pineal gland is most productive at night. The resultant flow of melatonin through the body induces sleepiness. Melatonin pills appear to be effective against jet lag, although many doctors express caution over long-term

It follows that preventing

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would." He adds that previous studies show that workers in promote alertness. Dr Smith control of light exposure gain plans to use bright light to the most benefit, perhaps keep workers awake. In his because controlling one's envilight lab he will expose volunronment enhances feelings of teers to light intensities of 1,500 to 2,500 hxx, which is a

There is also evidence that fraction of the light intensity exposing night workers to bright light during their night shift leads to longer and better on an overcast summer's day, but still at least three times quality sleep during the day. Dr Smith says: "The light nudges the body clock, so that the sleepiness rhythm is delayed into the day."

salamanders

brighter than office lighting. "As well as suppressing melatonin, light has a neurophysiological impact." Dr Smith says. "People become more alert and feel much better, Secrets of the initially like the Idea of work-He plans to conduct three ancient studies. Each will involve about 20 volunteers - ideally

working — doing simulated work tasks, such as entering A MILE beneath the sea near data on a computer, or assem-Slovenia, in total darkness bling a product, in the first and near-freezing temperastudy, they will be exposed to a tures, live some of the strangconstant level of light during est animals on Earth. Proteus anguinus, which inhabits a In the second study, the light large underwater limestone will be switched on at certain cave network, has no eyes or times, when the body clock is at its lowest ebb. In the third, ears, and, because of the lack of light, has a whitish-pink the volunteers will be able to

Proteus is thought to be control their own exposure to light, by walking into a brightdescended from salamanders that became trapped as the Dr Smith says: The studies cave system developed. Its will be as natural as possible, so we will obviously be carryeyes atrophied and its lungs withered, to be replaced by ing them out at night. The volunteers will be able to chat. three breathing systems. allowing it to adapt to water or land. It senses its surroundto each other and eat during a break, just as normal workers ings by using smell and touch.

This extraordinary creature can exist without food for 12 years, feeding instead on its fat reserves, and can live for up to 120 years.

A television documentary made by Slovenian marine biologists and divers shows the animal in its natural environment. Scientists have several specimens in captivity. But they are accustomed to total darkness - even faint light gives them sunburn, so they are returned to the wild after a short time. The documentary reveals

land may be causing deaths among the creatures, prompting lears that proteus, unique to Siovenia, may become extinct. There are only 20,000 of them, and the females do not produce many offspring. Biologists still hope that the creatures, which were once

that pollution seeping from the

mistaken for baby dragons when flash floods washed them onto land, can be saved. Anjana Ahuja

● Absolutely Animals will be broadcast on Channel 4 on July 21 at 8.30pm.



After each study, the volunteers will be subjected to an interview, tests on performance and mood, and medical scrutiny. Dr Smith also hopes, eventually, to investigate the long-term effects of manipulating the body clock, which has caused some concern. However, he insists that any possible risks should not stop the study from proceeding: "At the moment, we are perfectly happy to see people mess up their natural body rhythms. I think we should medically assess the effects of exposure but, used appropriately, I think the technique will help

shift workers to perform

tion of a theory first put forward in the early Eighties by the evolutionary biologist Professor William Hamilton of Oxford University. The males of many species carry features such as feathers or tusks which appear designed to impress females. SCIENCE Observation shows that the males with the best displays do BRIEFING tend to attract males more readily. But this would only

The professor devised a simple explanation. He proposed that if males carry genes that make them more resistant to ites, they would tend to be in better health and thus be more able to afford the metabolic cost of growing physical adornments. Studies of invertebrates, reptiles, fish and birds have lent support to the hypothesis. Now elephants provide the first evidence

make sense if the outward signs

that it also applies to mammals,
Dr Raman Sukamar and Dr Milind Watve of the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore spent three years studying ele-phants in the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary in southern India. They identified 38 different elephants, and collected dung samples from each of them. They then tested the droppings for intestinal parasites, finding plenty. Some contained as many as 20 million parasite eggs, not enough to be life-threatening. Dr Sukamar told Science, but enough perhaps to weaken the elephants in

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A STUDY of Indian elephants has provided further corrobora-

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difficult times when food was short, or they were stressed in some other way.

They also developed a standard growth curve for tusks, by studying animals in the field and in museums, and working out how long the tusks are likely to be at any age. Finally they examined the extent to which any individual elephant's tusks exceeded the norm, and compared that with the parasite load as measured in that individual's droppings. They found as Dr Hamilton would have predicted, that the bigger the tusks, the

fewer the parasites.
Other explanations are possible, and Dr Sukamar says that his results, published in the Indian journal Current cience, are "compatible with, but not necessarily a substantial proof of the thesis. Dr Hamilton says that he hopes the results will help to convince sceptics, though there are a few loose ends. It is not clear yet, for example, that the low levels of parasites in the well-tusked elephants are the result of genetic inheritance.

If they are, they raise a different problem, because poachers are likely to go for the best bulls, those with the finest tusks. If these also are those with the best genes for resisting parasites, then poaching may be weakening the species by removing parasite resistance.

The moral is obvious, according to Dr Hamilton. "Never cull the top bulls; cull old but small-tusked males" he says, "Of course, that is the opposite of what hunters do if they want to make a profit."

The hunt for a square meal root



SEEDS make better food than roots because they store proteins and oils, while roots provide only starch. Now the discovery of a mutant form of a weed called Arabidopsis thaliana has raised hopes of producing root plants containing greater nutrition than today's carrots or turnips.

Two teams - from the University of California at Berkeley and the Carnegie Institution plant laboratory in Stanford, California - found the mutation independently, it is reported in Science. It produces enormous taproots that are opaque and green, looking like a pickle - the name given to the gene, or genes, responsible.

What happens is that the taproot genes somehow fail to shift from their seed program to their root program, and continue behaving as if they were seeds, so storing large amounts of oil, protein, and starch. Dr Christopher Somerville of Carnegie says his dream is to produce an "oil potato" — a highly productive plant that produces commercially useful oil. The next step will be to identify the gene responsible, and track down its equivalent in food plants.

Mystery over vaccines deepens



VACCINES work by educating the body's immune cells to recognise an infective agent, and how to deal with it. But why do they work better when they are mixed

with inactive materials. called adjuvants? It has been known since the Thirties that adding aluminium hydroxide to the antigen in a vaccine enhances the number of antibodies it produces. The conventional explanation is that the adjuvant provides a "depot" from which the antigen is released over a period of months. Wrong, says Dr Stanley Hem of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He

has used accelerator mass spectrometry to trace the elimination from the muscle of aluminium hydroxide after it was injected into rabbits. He found that it was present in blood within an hour of injection.

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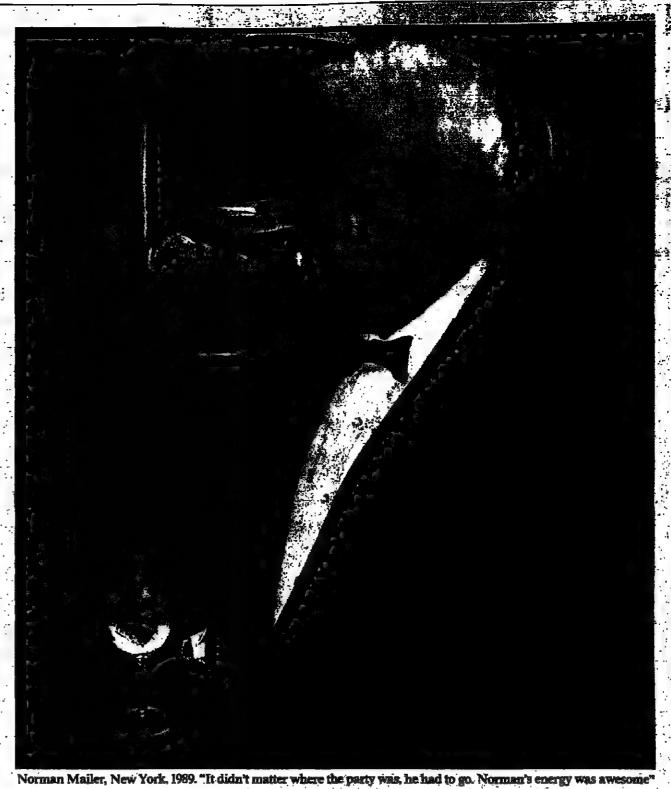
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THE LAST PARTY

Day One: Brawls and controversy have been the stuff of life to Norman Mailer. As his latest novel, The Gospel According to the Son, scandalises the US, his second wife, Adele, has written her own book exposing the violence and depravity of their ten-year marriage.

He stared through me with a strange smile. He'd taken the first step of his descent into hell



he first time I met the boy wonder he was wearing a plaid flannel shirt and dungarees on his slender frame. He looked at me, and his eyes were beautiful, not only in their blue colour, but for their soft, almost melancholy expression. He was good looking with a strong nose, a beautifully shaped sensual mouth and a delicate chin. There was a sensitivity in his face I re-

A few months after we'd set up an apartment together, I quit my job making papiermáché figures for window displays. Norman said there So far as I was concerned, there wasn't much to keeping house. I disliked housework

was no need for me to work. anyway and kept it to a minimum. When we started to live together there were two things I had to learn in the kitchen. Norman liked the same lunch every day, the

tuna salad his mother fixed for him since he was a little boy. I had to make it the same way. And scrambled eggs had to be a replica of his mother's.

Norman patiently gave me a lesson in making eggs, explaining the degree of doneness was a big factor. Once they were undercooked, and he dumped them on the floor. "Clean it up", he said. I finally got the eggs right, so it never happened again. One day we decided to have a housewarming, and Norman asked me which celebrity would like to invite. "Marion Brando, of course," Marion showed up with Rita Moreno. He was obviously shy and sat in a corner with Rita on his lap, neither of them moving the whole time they were there. We loved having parties, and this was the first of many in that place. We got all kinds of invitations, none of which Norman could refuse. It

was or who gave it. He had to go. Norman's energy was awesome, and mine almost matched his. But I would have liked a few more evenings at home. My expanding social circle and role as the mistress of a literary star was exciting, but I didn't realise how much I was beginning to depend on booze to dull any anxiety or doubt about my own identity.

That year we spent the first of many summers in Provincetown. In the Fifties Provincetown was affoat on a spongy marijuana foundation. We could get it anywhere, anytime, and cheap, Norman liked the sleazy parties in the local underworld, the rooms filled with dropouts, boring drunks and potheads. I was bored, but a few drinks would fix that, and I was driven to keep up with him. If I fell back, I was afraid I would lose him.

By 1953 we were still in love and very much a couple, sometimes at odds with each other, but nonetheless, it was Norman and Adele to us and to our friends. But I was becoming less clear about who I was. My identity was slowly being absorbed into his. I tried to please him in every way. and it was getting harder the more we were together. I was up against a perfectionist, a relentless critic, especially of people closest to him, with an ego that devoured everything and everybody. He was tougher now, and the bickering between us accelerated.

ne night we gave a rather sedate party. At one point I watched Norman drunkenly holding forth about another of his obsessive themes, the psychology of the orgy. The party seemed stiff, not like our usual lively scene, and I was tired of being part of the ring of admirers listening to the guru. I can't think what possessed me to do what I did next. "OK, Norman, you want an orgy with these squares. Well you'll get one," I shouted and took off all my clothes, angrily throwing each piece at him. Any other man would have been furious, but not my Norman. He enjoyed every minute of it, his eyes sparkling with admiration. I felt betrayed and hurt, because I wanted him to be angry.

The couple's relationship was to prove highly unconventional, and even at this early stage Norman confessed to taking two women to bed while he was researching a book on Los Angeles. Adele responded by sleeping with a married couple she knew. I was angry and hurting. I

needed my revenge, even though I felt inhibited and awkward. I certainly was no seasoned orgiast. I decided to write to Nor-

man, and since he had been so honest with me, it was only fair I should be the same. He wired to say he was coming in from LA I had not expected to see him for another week. I was so happy: I

so glad you're back." The words were hardly out when he spat at me. He was so angry I thought for a moment he was going to hit me. "It's OK for them for a drink." you to do it, but not for me?" I started to cry. "I love you darling," he said, and I let him

there was only desire.
The couple made a number of trips to Medco over the next few years, where their diversions included a live sex show performed by three young Mexican peasants, and taking

put his arms around me. He

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sion with another couple. It seemed the Lattimores' main diversion, besides being wealthy, was having sex with as many people as possible and at the same time. Norman's eyes lit up. His smile was devilish. "C'mon, baby, you know you're interested in them."

I was ambivalent about the whole idea. The sex was still so good between us. so why

should he want to share me? The next day, he kept press-ing, cajoling me until i finally said, "OK, call them and invite

All the booze and pot I had went directly from my brain to my body, and there was no retreat. I opened my eyes and saw Norman and Rhea in the far corner of the room. For a moment, my bleary

eves met his. He had a funny look on his face. Poor Norman, I thought, but why should I care? He wanted it, so it's his funeral. Then Norman.

A long heavy silence was broken by my sudden claustrophobic panic. "Leave me alone, don't touch me." My rage sent them scurrying into their clothes, slamming the door. The sound of their car faded; leaving me in an unbearable silence. I went upstairs, praying he was there. He was like stone, his back to me. "Get away from me, you

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slut." He shoved me so violent ly, I airhost fell from the bed. You disgust me." I couldn't believe he said that, and rage replaced my vulnerability. disgust you? You wanted this even more than I did." I mimicked him: "A writer must experience everything."

Later that night I was awakened by his kisses. "I couldn't take anyone else making love to you. Don't you understand, I love you." Gradually the pain of that night passed, and soon we were back on the familiar merry-go-round.

Although there were our over the following years (which saw the birth of the Mallers' two daughters), their arguments became increasingly violent.

By the end of 1954, we'd been living together for three years, and I began to think seriously about marriage. I was pushing 30, and was also beginning to think about having a baby. In spite of the emotional



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I was hving with a man on the -edge If we continued to live this life, I thought, we would end up in adjoining cells in a mental hospital'





insanities, we did care for each other and even managed to be happy in between fights. I didn't exactly mag Norman about getting married, but I would introduce the subject at every opportunity. You know. I've given you as much of myself as I've ever given. any woman, he said. So cheer up, if that means that much to you: you'll have that piece of paper." It was not exactly my idea of a marriage proposal but I was happy.

anyway. When Norman wanted to, Tways careful to include me in the conversation. I was proud of my darling when he was at his sober, intelligent, funny best in public, But I never knew when it would turn or in which direction. He didn't always take care of me. There were times when he would take off, leaving me to look out. for myself. I began finding names and telephone numbers on the inside of his matchbooks. Young ones, old ones, beautiful ones and plain ones. It wasn't as it we didn't have good sex. He had so many meaningless affairs. Why would he have to prove over and over again that he was attractive to women? Norman's daughter, Susie,

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night when Susie was with us. Norman, who d been in a foul mood all day, began to pick at me. I answered back, setting of the usual bickering. With-out warning, he backhanded me across the face. Up to this point, his abuse had been emotional, but now he was beginning to be more free with his hands.

habitually drunk drive home:

horrible to me all evening. I handled it in my predictably alcoholic, out-of-control way and by the time we got home we were really into a shouting match. The fight got vicious with us hitting each other and ended with Norman punching me in the face, giving me a black eye and a bruised mouth. After that I was too frightened to sleep in the same bed with him. I spent the night crying myself to sleep on the livingroom couch. _In spite of the constant bickering I still wanted another haby. Again I was naive enough to think it would help our marriage. Once we

visited us occasionally. One thing that was inconsequential and without warning, he hit me in the sumuch. I was six months' pregnant, and still recall the physical hurt and horror I-felt. Thank God the baby was all right. As usual, there was no apology.

Happily there were still occasional evenings with just the two of us when Norman would allow a rare good mood One summer weekend I to release all his charming asked my mother to baby-sit. qualities. Strangely, Nor-After a New York party, man's belief in my talents Norman and I made our never wavered despite our stormy relationship.

up. I grew up in a culture in

which my role as a woman would be to marry and have children. My prince would love me eternally, take care of me forever, and we would live

happily ever after.

Much of my identity was tied up with being Mrs Norman Mailer, and I was frightened to give that up, no matter

divorce. To me, it meant I was According to Adele, her husband had his share of

become dependent on my life-

style. I had no money of my own and two small children. Where would I go? What would I do? I was also

ashamed at the thought of a

fistfights that last Province-

with two policemen which left him needing 15 stitches to close the wound on his head. By September the Mailers were back in New York. I was becoming more and more depressed. I was living

with a man who was living from one emotional crisis to another, on the edge of a

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complete breakdown. If we continued to live this life. I thought we would end up in adjoining cells in a mental hospital. Although I didn't know it at the time, the next few months began the final decline of our marriage. Norman seemed, at last, to be spinning out of control. A friend phoned one November night to let me know my pugnacious husband was being arraigned in night court on drunk-and-disorderly Another night, a drunken Norman came home at 4am. He looked like hell, as if he had slept in his clothes. When

he took off his jacket, there were lipstick stains on his open collar. He'd been in Greenwich Village when a good-looking black woman propositioned him, so they went to her place. When they got to her apartment, said Norman, "she undressed and turns into a he. She was really beautiful. I couldn't believe it. her anyway". My soul was sickened but I

was incapable of walking away. As strange as it sounds. I could not imagine my life, even the way it was, without my husband.

Norman was becoming even more frantic and writing very little. He had an obses-

spotlight. When he announced his crazy scheme to run as a candidate for the mayor of New York City, I wasn't surprised. One afternoon, his younger sister Barbara came to the apartment bringing something to do with the mayoral campaign. Norman adored Barbara and rarely directed any of his hostility at her. But that day they argued in a way I'd never seen before. Suddenly he slammed his fist into her face, knocking off her glasses and breaking them. It was totally unexpected and I

he next day, during some perty squabble. without any warning. he hit me in the stomach with his list, right in front of the girls. I took the kids and ran out of the anartment. I staved away until I was sure he must have calmed down. Burbara and I both felt he

should be committed but in the end backed off. Neither of us really wanted to face the enormity of what we were contemplating. Then came that last terrifying drop into madness and near death.

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h, ye philosophers and critics, who hold with Suctonius that the pen is mightier than the blade, spare a thought for those whose weapon is the humble fist. Disdain not the honest pugilist who fights with Nature's arms as beneath your notice but consider that when he fibs his adversary's nob or causes his claret to flow upon the turf, making the green one red, he strikes with the spirit and bravery of his forefathers at Crécy and Agincourt and inflicts no hurts one tenth as deep as you with your acid judgments and corroding pens."

William Hazlitt? After a fashion. The fashion of one of our two finest literary mimics, the champion storyteller George MacDonald Fraser, His new novel Black Ajax hits the bullseye for its timing in these

dicey moments for boxing.

Black Ajax was a freed black American slave who came to England and fought the great Tom Cribb for the championship of England — an almighty scrap

Captivated by the brutality of boxing which drew in all the fancy and from his lower lip nigh to his chin, excited all the country. MacDonone ear part torn away and the rest ald Fraser uses real people of his nob cut and rasped and Hazlitt, Tom Cribb, Paddington bloody as raw liver." Bare knuckles then, calloused hard knuckles Jones, HRH the Prince of Wales and, of course, Black Ajax (Tom and as many rounds as it took

Molineux) himself — to construct a until one man failed to come up to novel of many voices which is the Scratch line. More than 30 soaked in the language and lore of rounds in the case of Cribb and those Regency days,
All novels, though, I think,
however deep in the past they may Molineux and that was by no means a record. Here now is Hazlitt writing be set, are also contemporary and about the first fight he saw at about that time: "Reader have you there can be little doubting Mac-Donald Fraser's relish not just for boxing - the art and romance of it

ever seen a fight? If not, you have a pleasure to come...to see two men smashed to the ground, smeared with gore, sturned, senseless, the breath beaten out of their bodies; and then, before you rise up with new strength and courage, stand steady to inflict or receive mortal offence and rush



man!" But that was then, you may say, and all our sensibilities have been refined since. Leaving aside the 20th-century killing fields champion is conceivably the questions that comforting assumpmost frightening unarmed killer. questions that comforting assump-tion, let us go a round with another boxing writer, this time one from OUT OWN time.

Norman Mailer in his book The-Fight, about the rumble in the jungle between George Foreman. and Muhammad Ali, begins with as high an accolade as any accorded by Hazlitt or Fraser. Ali, Mailer writes, is the prince of heaven — so says the silence around his body when he is luminous". He also says: To the degree that boxing is carnality, meat against meat. Ali was master when it was time to receive, he got. the juice out of it." Of a previous Foreman fight he writes "As Norton started to go down for the second time. Foreman caught him five times as quick in the instance as a lion slashing his prey." And, a

the fact that the whole character of final quote "A heavyweight alive. With his hands he could slay fifty men before he became too tired to kill any more. Or is the number closer to one hundred?

My reliance on quotations is an attempt to put on paper something of the minds of three fine writers spanning 200 years on a subject still often and brilliantly written about but one increasingly victim. to a dismissiveness which suggests that we are above everything it represents. Somehow that bloody primal battle is behind and beneath us.

. The extracts I have quoted contradict that. More importantly they spurn it. Man has never been more inhumane to man than he

proven sensitivity as well as courage - want to see such battles in the ring. We, too, see heroism and courage and perhaps we need to

We also want to see these battles controlled. Tyson should not have gone for the ear. But we want to watch, whether it is the Lions front row ramming into the Springboks so hard that the crunch seems to reach us from South Africa without benefit of television, or boxers crashing their fists into faces which become as distorted as the portraits of Francis Bacon.

Why some of us want it, what it says about us: these are questions worth addressing, especially at the moment when part of our country sees the guts of its life being rioped away from it because another part of the country regards it as brutal. But can we possibly stamp it out or is it better to let it run in a controlled way? After all, those three men — and many others — like the fight because of its aesthetics, because of its test of character,

Who would want to run a museum?

- but also for what many people

today would consider its brutality.

Here is Paddington Jones de-

scribing Black Ajax after the fight

with Cribb: "I've seen good men spoiled for keeps by less punish-

ment than he'd taken that day.

Both his ogles was swollen closed,

ums and galleries have probably changed more in the past 15 years than in the previous 150. New gaileries, new displays, lectures, interactive computers, audio tours, bigger bookshops, better cafés: they are all regarded as essential parts of today's museum "experience", and they have largely been financed with millions of pounds from the private sector.

As with so many other things. Mrs Thatcher changed everything. In 1988 she gave museums responsibility for their buildings, collections and staff, while changing the law so that they could keep their own income, rather than handing it to the Treasury. The national collections gained autonomy and a promise of stable core funding. But

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Isabel Carlisle reports on the

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in return the Tory Govern-ment demanded from them accountability as to how public funds were spent, and the application of business principles. It was a cultural revolution. Directors had to acquire new skills overnight. Scholarship was no longer enough.

John Ingamells resigned as director of the Wallace Collection in 1992, feeling that his job was constantly being ques-

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Fabian idealism out of the window. There is now an identifiable, head-huntable iob of director which is not restricted by what you are interested in. The prototype

Thomas Kendrick, British Museum director in the 1950s, could describe his job as having "practically no responsibilities. Just occasionally signing a letter or two that someone has written for you. Honey-sweet relations with the dear, friendly trustees Above all, abundant opportunity to get on with your own work and no need to hide it under the blotting paper when

The only thing likely to be hidden under the blotting paper on the desk of the BM's current director, Robert Anderson, is the much-debated Edwards Report, which highlighted the museum's lack of wieldy management structure and the pressing need to balance the books either through staff cuts or by introducing entrance charges. "Most of my working day is spent considering the financial situation — finding resources outside the museum and dealing with heavy administration," Anderson says. Today's museum directors, it may be argued, need less scholarship than showmanship - combined with administrative, fi-

But do all museum directors face the same problems? Not according to Neil MacGregor, Gallery director. The Thatcher changes

was Roy Strong."
It seems incredible now that

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which now have free entry rearticulated their need to be both accountable and creative, and have attracted huge sponsorship. On the other hand, museums which re-sponded to that initiative by nancial, and marketing skills giving their audiences what ... plus the social graces to charm money out of private they wanted have had a very rough ride. It is much easier to add an economic dimension to

marketing."
The Victoria and Albert
Museum's troubled history prompted directors to make statements of mission," he

Those museums your mission than it is to add a mission dimension to your

illustrates MacGregor's point. The crisis at the V&A in

January 1989, when nine curators were made redundant by Roy Strong's successor, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, under instruction from her trustees, is widely considered to have had its origins in the Strong administration. In 1983 the South Kensington museums, which had no trustees, were each given a Government-appointed board. "Strong should have been careful to get the right kind of board," says MacGregor. "He failed to educate his trustees about what the V&A was about. Now it is very hard to say what the mission of the V&A is."

Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, observes that "a number of philosophical and funding gulfs have opened up in Britain. The national museums talk about how to find time and money to catalogue their collections, while in the regions they talk about how to keep the doors open. In London, attitudes have also polarised between Exhibition

Road and Trafalgar Square." Alan Borg, director of the V&A since October 1995, was himself quickly embroiled in controversy: he decided last autumn to introduce entry charges. There is a danger in compromise now," he says.

The fall in funding is forcing us to bring more people in by marketing our collections and putting on exhibitions. That is fine, but we should be engaged in other things, like scholar-ship and acquisitions."

n the first of the annual Franks Lectures at the British Museum, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Art Collections Fund, suggested that some museums had lost sight of their main purpose: the care and display of collec-tions. He told his audience that, at a series of dinners hosted by the NACF for museum figures, "there seemed to be little on which our guests could agree I felt that I was watching a Punch and Judy show, as national and regional museum directors engaged in verbal skirmishing."

The same debate is going on in America. Philippe de Mon-tebello, director of the Metropolitan Museum in New York, wrote in The Art Newspaper that "the 'museum experience' is now so conspicuous that even the Metropolitan; hardly short on art, has been described in the press as 'Club Met' — and museums, because of their amenities. have been equated with suburban malls".

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same. You are trying to find the people in your society who value you: Museums are not ice-cream parlours, finding out what people want and then doing it. They are there to proclaim eternal truths." The question is, can today's museum directors agree on what

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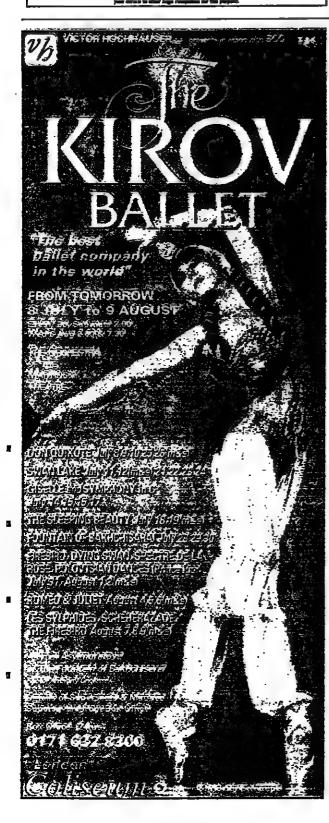
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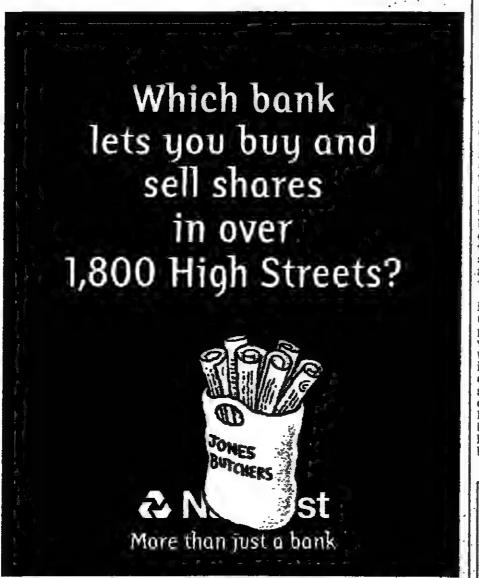
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funded), the priorities are the



In a whirl at the Tate: the museum "experience" has altered beyond recognition is the past 15 years, favouring a new breed of showman director





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Wrong sort of dome

val makes a feature of programmes to unusual venues. Unfortunately when it comes to music written for Salzburg Cathedral, there is ano London equivalent. St Paul's Cathedral may also have domes and galleries, but it is twice the size and therefore twice as bad acoustically. Heinrich Biber's Salzburg

Mass was lost in the space. indeed, a packed cathedral was left little the wiser by this rare performance of the Missa Salisburgensis, in spite of fine playing and singing from the Gabrieli Consort and Players together with Musica Antiqua Köln under Paul McCreesh. Things were further muddled by hopelessly uninformative programme notes - odd, given how much scholarship goes into McCreesh's projects.

It is only recently that this remarkable mass has been attributed to Biber (1644-1704). the celebrated Bohemian virtuoso violinist who served the Salzburg court as Kapellmeister. Composed probably in 1682, it calls for massive forces spread over more than 50 parts, including four organs. With its polychoral writing on Salzburg Hass St.Paul's Cathedral

terpoint on the other, the score is both forward looking and a compendium of choral styles of the period. There are movements of breathtaking beauty, including the grave Et incarnatus and ecstatic Amens in the Credo, the rolling power of the Sanctus, and the ethereal Agnus Dei.
But as the work wore on,

one began to understand why a later Archbishop of Salzburg would famously limit the length of the masses Mozart composed. Perhaps the performance would have been more gripping in sharper acoustics, but here one lot of swirling counterpoint sounded much like the next

St Paul's is a building for grand statements, and the big climaxes had splendour. But much of the writing is on a passages were lost. Attempts to recreate Salzburg conditions, with endless fanfares from trumpets, some even in the Whispering Gallery, only added to the blur.

JOHN ALLISON

Sweet sound of seduction

QUEEN VICTORIA, gazing down from her life-size canvas above the dais of the magnificent Drapers' Hall, appeared to enjoy every minute of On Wings of Song, Barbara Bonney's brief, single tribute to Mendelssohn and his anniversary year at the end of her City of London Festival recital. But we still seem to find him hard to love. Even the second encore, a performance of The Trout: returned irresistibly to Schubert, where the recital

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Bonney and her accompanist Helmut Deutsch are taking a group of Goethe heroines on the festival circuit with them this summer. Bonnev, with her winsome, warmbreathing soprano, makes a seductive Suleika and a contrastingly poignant Mignon. not only do the golden oranges, the warm breezes and the rocky mountains come alive, but the yearning of the North for the South is movingly recreated. Bonney's Gretchen is equally distinctive. Her heaviness of heart at the spinning-wheel is experienced as in a dream: even the climactic kiss is drawn back into the retreat of memory in a beautifully veiled head voice.

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From Goethe's women to Clara Schumann's Lorelei, a terror-stricken Erikönig of a creature compared with the lunar vision of Liszt. Bonney led up to this still undersung tour de force by way of Clara's setting of Heine and of two poems by Rückert, including a Liebst du um The Mendelssohns, Felix

and Fanny, might have been the obvious pairing after the interval. instead we had Brahms and Debussy. The chemistry of the latter — Le Livre de Baudelaire - dian't quite work: Bonney's genera-lised ardour in performing ear to focus on the more subtly inflected contribution Helmut Deutsch's piano playing. But Bonney found her own focus for Brahms, exploiting the darker, increasingly rich tones of her soorano for Wir wandelten and rising to the clusive play of light, water and sound in the screnading



Superstar spice

most successful female artist in the history of popular music, but as she proved to a packed Point depot last Thursday night she is also one of its greatest entertainers

The 53-year-old pop diva has recorded 72 hit singles, including 18 No Is, a feat exceeded only by the Beatles. While still only a teenager, she sang in one of the most influential of all pop groups: the Supremes were the prototypical girl band. Without them, there would have

legend has long since been secure. So why does she still continue to release albums, (the latest being the compilation, Voice of Love) and trek around the world's concert halls? The answer, as anvone who has seen her perform on her current British tour will tell you, is that showbusiness is her very lifeblood. Music is not just something she does; it is what she is. Singing love songs to thousands of adoring lans comes as naturally to the honey-toned chanteuse as HILARY FINCH | rain to Wimbledon. Indeed, observing

The Point Dub Ross helt out hit after classic hit was like watching a former champion return to

Centre Court, ostensibly to bask in past victories, only to regain her title with a series of stunning winners. This being a concert "in the round", the stage was bang in the centre of the arena;

with her audience surrounding Ross as the planets surround the sun. Glowing onstage in a glittering black dress, her hair a tapestry of fuzzy black curls which was all the more striking for its position aloft the slenderest of physique

Within no time at all. Ross and her IIpiece band launched into a medley of some of the Supremes' greatest hits -Where Did Our Love Go, Baby Love, Stop in The Name Of Love, You Can't Hurry Love and You Keep Me Hanging On. It was a little disappointing to be given only snippets of songs that one had hoped to hear in their complete form. But

artist is also an embarrassment of seems to have an inexhaustible supply of glitzy dresses (now mustard, now red, now black again). In between costume changes she opened up the vault. Missing You, Why Do Fools Fall In

Love?, Endless Love ... classics all, and each delivered with either gusto or sensitivity, where appropriate. The mournful jazz ballad, Good Morning Heartache - which Ross sang in the Billie Holiday biopic, Lady Sings the

The mature crowd, so sedate before the show, was transformed during the twohysterics. Ross, in mingling with her fans pressing flesh, posing for photos, and sitting on men's knees — gave them their own 15 seconds of fame, and they responded by according their heroine the adoration and adulation which she, more than most pop stars, clearly craves.

Preserve the sounds of musical genius

A unique archive of historic

concert and opera performances is in danger, says Richard Morrison

dream. Four musicians wanted to start an archive that would not only preserve the finest performances in London's concert halls and opera houses, but also offer a legal way of making the many priceless "pirate" recordings n private hands available for public listening. It took five years of hard talking before the four men were able to convince their suspicious colleagues that their intentions were strictly honourable. Musicians rightly guard the copyrights to their own perfornances with ferocious zeal. Nevertheless in 1987 the

Music Performance Research Centre made its first recording: a Philharmonia concert in the Festival Hall. Two years later, it opened a listening centre at the Barbican Library which has become a Mecca for anybody interested in the huge changes in performance over the past 60 years. There are hundreds of vintage live re-cordings here that simply can't be heard anywhere else: Toscanini conducting Beethoven Nine at the Queen's Hall; Ferrier singing Mahler; Erich Kleiber conducting a towering Wozzeck at Covent Garden; Stravinsky conducting Stravinsky; Boris Christoff singing Boris Godunov; Rubinstein playing the Emperor; the pre-miere of Britten's War Requiem at Coventry Cathedral the list is virtually the history of 20th-century music.

And the archive has also saved some great live performances of the past ten years. Having reviewed Tennstedt's intensely moving concert of Mahler's Resurred tion Symphony in 1989, I later sat under the headphones in the Barbican Library, and found the MPRC recording brought a lump to the throat all over again.

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ifteen years ago it a talk recalling his 45-year seemed an impossible association with the Royal Opera, and drawing on the MPRC's unique Covent Garden recordings of such voices as Callas, Domingo and Sutherland. The talk launches the centre's new "National Access" programme: a big push to bring its recordings to wider attention. There will, for in-stance, be MPRC sessions every afternoon at next month's Edinburgh Festival; classic archive recordings from the festival's early years will be played.

However, there is a cloud on the horizon. The MPRC has received one-off lottery grants





Domingo and Callas:

to cover renewal of its equipment and CD transfers of its recordings. It also gets support from the Musicians' Union. the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society and the Corporation of London. But a vital annual sponsorship from Sony ends this year, and forward the MPRC's activities will be much curtailed. 🚯

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Our ostrich MPs and the constitution

Britain cannot muddle through any longer, says Peter Riddell

markably casual about more exposed political the constitution. Of course. MPs like to strike attitudes, to denounce some action as unconstitutional if it is against their political interests. But most are unwilling to think in constitutional terms. to look at the big picture. At present we have the paradox that far-reaching, and proba-bly irreversible, changes are being proposed, but there is no relate to each other.

This laxity would be inconceivable in most other democracies and is because we do not have a formal written constitution. As Ferdinand Mount, that most level-headed of constitutional writers, has argued, "we have deceived ourselves into thinking that a preference for pragmatism. for muddling through, is the age-old British way of doing things, when in fact it has really grown up only during the past 100 years and is a symptom of decadence rather than continuity". This has produced woolly thinking by leading politicians in both

The Blair Government prefers a piecemeal approach. Measures have been out for-

ward — on Scottish and Welsh devolution, on an elected authority and Mayor for London, on freedom of information, on incorpora-European Convention on Human Rights, on reform of the procedures of the House of Com-

mons, on removing the voting rights of hereditary peers — as if they had no connection with each other. Tony Blair takes a minimalist view. He did not make one major speech, or hold any constitutional reform during the election. His advisers believe that English voters are not very interested in these issues, and he does not want constitutional bills to unbal-

ance his programme.
While politically convenient, this approach is not sustainable. It is impossible to look at measures in isolation. The proposals for a tax-raising parliament in Edinburgh may have been devised by Scottish politicians with little thought for the rest of the UK, but there are still major consequences for Scottish, and English, MPs at Westminster - most of which were fully discussed a century ago in the debate over Irish Home Rule.

Similarly, incorporation of the European Convention means that judges will decide whether laws passed by Parliament are consistent with it - as they aiready have to decide whether British laws are consistent with European ones. Lord Irvine of Lairg warned last year, before he became Lord Chancellor, of the dangers of the judiciary appearing to invade the legis-lature's turf. On Friday, he argued that incorporation must not disturb the supremacy of Partiament. Ministers favour the New Zealand approach, where the courts make a declaration about whether a law is consistent with the bill of rights, but the remedy is in the hands of Parliament. Even this form of incorporation

ritish politicians are re- would still put judges in a

The devolution proposals and the bill on a pre-legislative referendum now going through the Lords — raise questions about how constitutional changes are considered. Is the referendum a mere pragmatic device to ease passage of the later substantive proposals? Or should there be some formal mechanism requiring referendums with certain types of constitutional change, as in much of Europe? Many countries have a system of entrenchment to protect against changes being pushed through by a simple majority of the main elected chamber.

Should there be a special role for the House of Lords in considering constitutional Bills? The only measure the Lords can now block absolutely, as opposed to delay for one session, is a Bill to extend the life of a Parliament, If hereditary peers are removed from the Lords, the reformed House might believe it has greater authority to challenge the Commons. The real issue is less the composition of the

Lords than its powers in relation to the Commons, At present, a Commons committee is busy

considering proposals for modernising MPs like procedure, initially to strike how legislation is considered. But attitudes there has been no but most broader debate about the role of the will not Commons, about look at the how far the legislature exists merely to big picture implement the

> ment with a majority, or how far the Commons should seek to scrutinise and improve bills. Few of these questions are being publicly addressed by ministers or by their Opposiopted for a largely negative approach, being content just to denounce. This reflects the paucity of Conservative thinking on the constitution during the party's years in office. While much changed in the administration and delivery of public services, ministers behaved as if everything was all right provided they were in charge. They questioned the legitimacy of other inst-

plans of a govern-

The Tories now need to start thinking creatively about the constitution. After all, a good Tory should believe in checks and balances, in pluralism and in diversity. That means reviving local government and considering formal constitutional entrenchment via a bill of rights. Moreover, as Sir Leon Brittan argued at the weekend, "a knee-jerk reaction against de volution of any kind would ignore the lesson forced on us by the voters of Scotland and Wales". The Tories did consider such options during the 1970s, before they were closed off by the complacency of

Constitutional reform is happening. We are moving from being subjects to become ing citizens with defined rights. The Tories should aim to be part of the debate about the emergence of a more formal constitution. They should remember that ultras

and last-ditchers never win.

If a new theory about "mad cow disease" is right, the cattle cull was a huge waste of time and money

s BSE an infectious disease? Last Wednesday I attended an inaugural lecture at King's College London, given by Professor Alan Ebringer. He is the professor of immunology at King's and is an his theories have on occasion been the subject of scientific controversy. In the inaugural lecture he outlined his new theory of the causation of "mad cow" disease. If he is right, there is no risk of a human epidemic, no question of an infectious agent from mad cows crossing the species barrier, no need for the European ban on British beef, and no need for the cull. If he is right, there has been a

multi-billion-pound blunder. Obviously I am in no position to judge whether he is right or not. Yet when a professor of immunology. with a substantial research record behind him, puts forward a new theory about the causation of a particular disease, the public has to take it seriously. I am not myself sure that his new theory answers all the questions, but then the existing theory does not do so either.

Professor Ebringer has come to believe that BSE is not a so-called "prion" disease; indeed, he does not accept that prion diseases exist at all. He thinks the evidence points to BSE being an autoimmune disease, ultimately caused by a bacterial infec-tion, in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. He advanced this theory in the lecture and in an article in the June issue of immunology News.

There are a number of human autoimmune diseases which are indeed associated with an original bacterial infection. In simple terms, the body is infected by bacteria which share molecular sequences with particular human tissues. The immune system attacks these bacteria, but it subsequently fails to distinguish between them and the tissues which

Is BSE science's greatest blunder?

ing to "friendly fire". The friendly aircraft has a similar profile to enemy aircraft, so it is fired on as well.

The classic example of such an autoimmune disease following a bacterial infection is rheumatic fever. An infection by the Streptococcus organism, often in the throat, leads to the development of anti-streptococcal antibodies. These bind to cardiac tissue and cause inflammation, which damages the heart. This condition is now uncommon because of the widespread use of antibiotics against the original infection, but it was quite common before antibiotics were invented. It caused, for instance, the economist John Maynard Keynes's cardiac problems.

Professor Ebringer's research has belped to establish that two other major diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis, have a similar character, they also result from this molecular mimicry. The microbe Proteus mirabilis is the causative agent in rheumatoid arthritis, and Klebsiella in ankylosing spondylitis. In both diseases, antibodies to these microbes are found in the majority of patients, although they are much rarer in the general population. These are both very widespread diseases; ankylosing spondylitis affects about a quarter of a million people in Britain and rheumatoid arthritis about a million.

How strong a case does Professor Ebringer have for suggesting that

does show, first of all, that the characteristic spongiform deterioration of the brain had already been observed in earlier laboratory cases of experimental allergic encephalomyelitis (EAE), which cannot possibly be associated with the BSE epidemic. There is a recorded case in rabbits dating from 1969 and in guinea pigs from 1974. Both are illustrated with contemporary photographs of the spongiform brains.

Professor Ebringer has found fluee

William Rees-Mogg

common bacteria in the faeces of cattle which mimic molecules in the brain tissues of cows. They are Acenitobacter, Agrobacterium and Ruminococcus, "Preliminary studies indicate that the sera of BSE infected cattle contain antibodies against Acenitobacter." He agrees that the BSE epidemic in cattle followed the changes in the rendering of supplementary feed which occurred around 1982. These feeds contained "green offal" which included faecal material from slaughtered animals. Ingestion of such material would undoubtedly have spread infection by these organwould have been killed by the higher temperatures of the earlier system of preparing feed.

BSE does, therefore, have the same pattern as an autoimmune disease, whether or not that is the correct explanation for it. Bacteria which mimic the nervous tissue of cattle have been identified; the change in feeding did result in a much higher degree of exposure to them: BSE-infected cattle have, in fact, developed antibodies to at least one of these. bacteria: the tissues which show damage in BSE are the ones which the bacteria mimic. The question is whether this damage is done by a prion agent, which cannot be detected by electron microscopy, cannot be grown in the laboratory and is supposed to be self-replicating by a method otherwise unknown to molecular biology. There may well be difficulties in the autoimmune theory of BSE, but there are also difficulties in the prion theory, which have prevented it winning universal

acceptance. - The example of SCID (severe combined immune deficiency) mice is interesting. These mice are bred for experimental purposes with deficient immune systems. They can catch almost any disease because they have no natural resistance, and they have to be kept in a sterile atmosphere. Yet so far no one has been able to infect them with BSE. Of course, if BSE is an autoimmune disease, mice without an immune system cannot be autoimmune disease. These mice do. however, have normal prions; if this really is a prion disease, there is no obvious reason why these mice

At the end of his paper, Professor Ebringer reaches quite moderate conclusions. The autoimmune theory predicts that no CID epidemic is expected since humans do not consume 'green offal' material, and the cattle cull is unnecessary since the disease is an autoimmune disorder resembling chronic EAE. The 'prion' hypothesis predicts that a CID epidemic is expected in the human population and extensive culling of cattle is required to destroy the animals infected by prions'. Clearly the two theories give different predictions and experimental studies should be carried out to distinguish

between these two models." This must be right. Without further experimental studies, no body, layman or scientist can be sure which theory is correct, if indeed either is. There is bound to be strong resistance to the autoimmune theory, even if it should be correct. It would mean that major scientific bodies had been seriously mistaken and that the consequence had been disastrous official policy. That makes it all the more important that the new theory should be thoroughly investigated. I came away from the lecture more

willing to eat a steak than when I went in, but not foolish enough to imagine that any layman could make an informed judgment. I was con-vinced that Professor Ebringer had made out a prima facie case. Science advances by testing different theories. In terms of orthodox microbiology, the autoimmune theory requires a smaller leap of faith than the prion. theory. Both need the experimental verification which Professor Ebringer has called for. The public needs to be sure that the enormously expensive policies on BSE are sup-

Why schools must do better

Tony Blair says his Government

will show zero

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hree years ago, in my first sition, my first press conference was about education. I said then that education was central to my ambitions for Britain, and I vowed that quality of teaching and learning would be at the heart of Labour's agenda for government. Since I stood on the steps of 10

Downing Street on May 2 and said "it is time now to do", the Government has placed education first. Improvement teams are going into falling schools. Hackney LEA has been opened up to Ofsted, the schools inspectorate. And last week in the Budget, we announced major new funding of £1.3 billion for capital investment as well as El billion of revenue spending. Today we take a major step towards the other side of the bargain - reforming our school system so every penny is well used. There are many good schools in Britain, but not enough; many good teachers, but not enough; many welleducated children, but not enough. After primary school, more than 40

per cent of children have not reached he expected standard in English and Maths. At GCSE, two thirds of 16-year-olds do not achieve a grade C in Maths or English. Ofsted estimates that 2 to 3 per cent of schools are failing, one in ten has a serious weakness, and a further third are not as good as they should be.

Today's White Paper, "Excellence in Schools", is founded on six principles. The first is to put education at the heart of government. I have said that my three priorities for government are education, education and education. I mean it. Unless we get our education system right, our children will not be prosperous and our country will not be just. Just as



The Prime Minister on a pre-election school visit. Today's White Paper details Labour's education plans

during the 1980s a spirit of enterprise was needed for the economy to become more competitive, so now an improvement in educational standards is a prerequisite for Britain's success as we prepare to enter the new millennium.

This is why education throughout life is central to our economic and social policy. Skills are the key to our ambitious Welfare to Work programme for the young and long-term unemployed, designed to reduce the bills and misery of mass unemployment. Meanwhile, the University for Industry will create new opportunities for people in work. Secondly, we will design our

system to benefit the many, not the few. That is the justification for modernising the comprehensive principle to take account of children's different abilities without returning to the failed 11-plus, which meant that 80 per cent of our children were consigned to secondary moderns. Children do have different talents and different abilities and we should

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recognise them, stretching children to progress as far and as last as they can. We therefore favour setting. rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools, with accelerated learning for the most able. And we support, too, the development of specialist schools - focusing on languages, technology, sports or arts - helping children with interest and talent, but also acting as a resource

for all pupils in an area.

Thirdly, we say that standards matter more than structures. The last government tried to use structural reforms to raise standards. They failed because what counts is what goes on in the classroom - above all the skill of the teacher, the way they teach and how they are supported. For example, there is a proven best practice for the teaching of literacy and numeracy, based on the use of phonics to teach children words and whole-class teaching for Maths. To meet our targets of 80 per cent of 11-

year-olds reaching the expected standard in English, and 75 per cent in Maths, a national programme will direct the training of existing teachers and the spreading of best practice. Our literacy and numeracy initiatives will have first call on resources.

Similarly, we know that a head teacher is the key to a successfulschool. So we will ensure that every new head displays the necessary skills and is qualified to be a head teacher, and we will set up new fasttrack procedures to identify heads of

Fourthly, intervention should be. directed at what is wrong, not what is working well. Where there is success, let us celebrate it. Where teachers are excelling, let us give them scope for promotion without leaving the classroom. Schools achieving good re-sults, and improving, will be left to get on with their work.

Government, local and national, should focus on the problems. Thatrequires regular external inspection. to which we are firmly committed.

ment within schools. Inspection will take place at least once every six years, but more often for schools shown to be underperforming. Every school will have clear targets based on information about the progress of similar schools, national targets and recent inspection evidence. Where there are problems, action will be fast and focused.

lifthly, there will be zero tolerance of fallure. Children have only one chance. That is up a revised code to ensure that poor teachers are dealt with more quickly. It is why we will establish Education Action Zones to encourage local initiative where traditional structures have not delivered. It is why we will order a "fresh start" — closure or the reopening of the school under new management - where schools have been unable to improve.

Zero tolerance of failure applies to local education authorities, too. Their role is to support, not to control. Every LEA will produce an Educa-tion Development Plan, detailing its contribution to raising standards, and agreed with central government. Then, all LEAs will be inspected by Ofsted. Where fallure is deep-seated the relevant powers of the local authority will be suspended and improvement teams sent in.

Sixthly, we are committed to work in partnership with all those able to help us to raise standards. Government can lead, but there is a shared responsibility on teachers, parents, governors, LEAs, churches and businesses to help us to deliver. Homeschool contracts between schools and parents will detail the responsibilities of each. We will use lottery money to support after school clubs. And we will develop the use of information technology through a public private partnership to create a new National Grid for Learning.

I see the Government's education crusade as something in which we all have a stake, and in which we all have a part to play. Get it right, and our children will learn more and earn more. The world of learning is the passport to fulfilment in the 21st century, and all our children must have that passport.

Chelsea whirl

LIKE many a Henry James heroine before her, Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of the American President, is rounding off her education with a spell in Tuscany. Travelling as the First Teenager, however, is not all baggy shorts. Rough Guides and smooth-talking men called Gianni Over the weekend. Miss Clinton's bodyguards are alleged to have hospitalised two photographers who tried to snap her dancing at a Florentine nightclub.



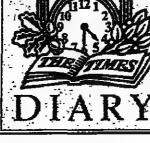
Miss Clinton and bar owner Leo

The incident occurred on July 4. American Independence Day. Miss Clinton, who left school this summer and starts at Stanford University in the autumn, had tried to see Florence and the surrounding countryside incognito. Wearing jeans. a black T-shirt and sandals, she spent an afternoon wandering around the Piazza della Signoria and gazing at the Michelangelos outside the Palazzo Vecchio. With her were her schoolfriend Nikki Davidson and two bodyguards.

In the evening, Miss Clinton had supper in the swish Harry's Bar. where she ate spaghetti al olio and tried a Bellini cocktail, a mixture of champagne and peach juice. She even posed for a photograph with the bar's owner, Leo Vadorini.

She then went to the fated disco. As she danced to the Europop, her bodyguards noticed the snappers beside the dancefloor. They strode over and in the ensuing dust-up. the photographers allege they were punched.

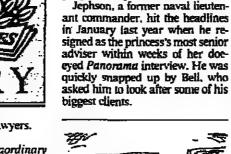
Miss Clinton has now joined her parents aboard the King of Spain's yacht off Mallorca, while the



paparazzi consult their lawyers.

 Tonight sees an extraordinary mugs and weep.

Bell rung



assembly at Church House in Westminster as the Fabian Society, once a shelter for the last of Labour's hair shirt wearers, hosts a reception in honour of the Adam Smith Institute, the all-privatising, all-Thatcherite think-tank. It will be a valuable forum for the exchange of ideas, say the modernising Fabians. Those who still remember the words to The Red Flag can just stare into their

LITTLE more than a year after he

boarded Sir Tim Bell's public rela-



"If you want to bring your hairdresser on holiday.

Yesterday Jephson said that, with eight years of Royal Household experience and 15 months with Sir Tim on his CV, it was time to

 Style point: James Bond will be wearing a midnight blue rather than a black dinner suit for his next outing. The suit, which will be worn by Pierce Brosnan in Tomorrow Never Dies and costs £1,800, is to be made by the Italian firm Brioni. "It is the first time Bond has not worn a black tuxedo," says Colin Woodhead, Brioni's tux specialist. He has no time for the accusation that he is dressing up Bond to look like a Variety Club host. The suit is so dark, audiences may

Poetry please

SAMUEL Taylor Coleridge, the poet, is to receive the movie treatment from Julien Temple and Joe. Strummer, the former lead singer with The Clash. Temple was the pre-eminent pop video maker of the early 1980s who went on to make films such as The Great Rock and Roll Swindle, about the Sex Pistols, and the underrated Absolute Beginners. starring Patsy Kensit:



Coleridge is to be portrayed on film - with music by Strummer

Strummer will write the score. Besides being a fellow Coleridge nut. Strummer is a neighbour of Temple's in Somerset. The product of their joint collaboration may not be Regios professorship stuff. "Coloridge was the first junkie." says Temple. "He was the original Keith Richards, the perfect subject for a movie."

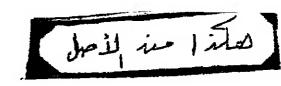
• Friends of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, street poet and "It Girl", are worned that her hectic schedule of boutique openings is



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taking its toll. Gone is the Verbier glowwith which she entered the na-tion's life. At the launch of Philip Hoare's book Wilde's Last Stand at the end of last week, she masked her obvious exhaustion with talk of a plan to write a film script based on her favourite book, Breakfast at ... Vistany's, but set in modern-day
West London, Naturally it will tell the story of a young, delicate yet ultimately tragic party girl.





MENACE IN MADRID

An unnecessary blurring at Nato's boundaries of freedom

successful military alliance descend on Madrid tomorrow for a fateful summit. Agreement on two momentous decisions, a new military structure for Nato and the early enlargement of the alliance, is claimed the Clinton Administration to be in-dispensable to the forging of a "peaceful and undivided" post-Cold War Europe. But rarely have the allies appeared less of one mind; and in Washington itself, the Clinton-Albright strategy for Nato is under fire from such experienced and influential critics as George Kennan, Paul Nitze, Sam Nunn and Susan Eisenhower.

So far nothing is settled. There is disagreement about who should join, about Europe's weight in Nato's new command structures and about what sort of alliance Nato should become. France and America lead opposing camps; and by publicly declaring last month that the US is now prepared to include only Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic in the first round of Nato enlargement in 1999, the Clinton Administration ensured that this will be a needlessly acrimonious summit

If American tactlessness were the only problem, there would be little novelty here, and still less cause for alarm. Nato is no stranger to periodic crises; and out of anxiety that the US might otherwise scale down its commitment to European security, the allies have usually suppressed their irritation at heavy-footed US diplomacy and fallen into line. On enlargement, if not on Nato's military structure, that is also the most likely outcome at Madrid. But this time, America will have misused its power in pursuit of an ill-judged strategy, whose most obvious principal effect has been not only to foment division in Central and Eastern Europe but to place a question mark over the future credibility of Nato.

Damage limitation is now the name of the Tame; and the most important task by far is to understand that a stable, democratic Russia at ease within its shrunken postimperial frontiers is the grand strategic prize

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The leaders of the 20th century's most without which Europe can never be durably secure. The political risks may be somewhat diminished by the deal concluded in May, which at least potentially meets Washington's pledge to include Russia in "a security circle for all of Europe". But it will take more than a piece of legally nonbinding paper to convince Russians that Nato enlargement is not a stab in the back.

Instead, the alliance seems destined to spend much of the next two years arguing about who is going to pay for integrating Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into Nato. This dispute could bring about the worst possible outcome, a decision to expand which was then stymied by the US Senate. A likely result is that little money will be invested in strengthening the new members military capabilities. They will be second-class Nato members, and seen to be such - particularly as in its efforts to assuage Russia, Nato has no plans to deploy substantial Nato forces there after 1999.

The post-enlargement Nato map makes even less military than political sense. If America has its way at Madrid, Romania the only militarily serious applicant besides Poland - will be excluded and Nato will not even have a common frontier. Hungary will be a blob in the middle of no man's land. Post-Madrid, Nato will be under fresh pressure to respond to the anxieties and resentments that an enlargement limited to three not particularly insecure countries generate in the lands beyond what Mrs Albright called "freedom's boundaries".

The Western governments' first idea, the Nato Partnerships for Peace, was also their best; it was a non-confrontational way of anchoring not only Central and Eastern Europe but Russia itself to the West. Instead of ending the division of Europe at Madrid, Nato will merely shift the dividing lines. If there is indeed a security vacuum, Madrid will provide no solution. Nato must live with the consequences of this strategic muddle of its own making; but it would be better able to do so if, in the process, it had not also

THE ONLY OPTION

The IRA cannot dictate on marches, or political progress

Taken late, after every opportunity for compromise had been exhausted, the decision to allow Portadown's Orangemen to march their traditional route was the right one. Penning the Roman Catholic residents of the Garvaghy Road behind police lines while the march went past will have looked brutal from a distance, but Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was acting in the best interests of Northern Ireland's nationalists. To have attempted to prevent the march. would have caused the fragile loyalist ceasefire to collapse and ignited horrendous violence as well as wider civil disorder.

It would also have sent a signal to the democratic majority that concerted republican activism can force the State to deny citizens traditional liberties. New the security forces will face a calculated attempt by the IRA to prove that republicans are capable of outdoing any mayhem of which loyalists might have been capable. The IRA will attempt to undermine the basis of Mr Flanagan's judgment by proving that it is the cost of delying republican demands which is unsustainable. It will require resolution on the ground and strength in Stormont if the threat is to be properly met.

That the future of the peace process and the stability of more than a million British citizens should hinge on a dispute over a few hundred yards of road may seem incomprehensible when viewed from White fall. That rubber bullets should be fired above the heads of rioters in a provincial village will dismay television audiences who find it hard to imagine that this is the United Kingdom. Yet to give way to despair, or blame the men who march, is to fall into a

trap carefully laid by the IRA. Ulster's Unionist majority has, in the last

twenty-five years, seen its British identity eroded, the Union made a matter for negotiation rather than pride, and successive Governments shift position to accommodate republican violence. A people whose traditions are questioned clings to symbols, and Ulster's Unionists have rallied under the Orange banner to affirm their identity. Genuine liberals should as readily understand why Orangemen parade as they appreciate why there are marches to affirm Gay Pride or defend country sports.

That understanding should be all the stronger given the attempts by republicans to turn those marches into confrontations. The IRA, recognising how curious the marching season looks across the Irish Sea, has tried to disrupt these displays by organising opposition and refusing to contemplate compromise. Early attempts by Portadown's Orangemen to find an accommodation were comprehensively rebuffed. Efforts to reach a late compromise were undermined by the clumsy intervention of the Taioseach, Bertie Ahern, who asked for the march to be stopped. As his predecessor John Bruton implied, without his longdistance loud-hailing there might have been a chance for the Orangemen to waive the right to walk, their dignity intact.

Unionists may, in their insecurity, occasionally appear inflexible Republicans, however, are absolutely intransigent. The IRA hoped that a blank refusal to accept any march might lead to a ban and a loyalist backlash. Denied that, republican strategists will exact revenge. Their aim is to make Ulster ungovernable. With the prospect of escalating IRA violence a settlement will seem further away than ever. But the search for one, in defiance of the IRA, is, like the decision on the march, the only option.

EARTH INVADES MARS

Tracks in the dust mark the exploration of the Red Planet

Like a child's radio-controlled model car. Sojourner has emerged from Pathfinder's airbag cocoon, rolled down a miniature ramp and is now trundling across the red test of Mars. After an anxious start, scientists at Pasadena have fixed a communications glitch and the little vehicle is now sending valuable data back to Earth, some 309 million miles away. The \$266 million project is working perfectly. The rover has already begun analysing rocks and soil, taken some spectacular pictures of the boulders, peaks and arid landscape in Ares Vallis, and is leaving the first traces of the invasion from another planet - miniature tyre marks - in the dust as it crawls about The world is intrigued. The Pathfinder flight team says it is "in red heaven."

The Pathfinder mission has rekindled American interest in the pioneering exploration of the universe by the country's scientists and engineers - a mission that has been given added piquancy by the recent discovery of carbonate formations in a meteone and the suggestion that Mars may once have supported life. Sojourner is unlikely to take conclusive pictures or analyse enough soil samples to prove the theory that the planet once contained water, scientists will have to wait until the arrival of other probes something of our own.

to see what is locked beneath the icecans. But pictures from the miniature camera and chemical analysis from the on-board labpratory will add to human understanding.

Pathfinder will be followed by four more landing craft and five orbiting space vehicles over the next eight years, culminating in a landing by a robotic craft that will collect samples and return them to Earth for microscopic examination. There is talk of a manned mission within the next 50 years.

Whatever our admiration for the engineering precision, advanced rocketry and ingenious design of this latest mission, we Earthlings should not forget that the real pioneering work on Mars was done 20 years ago. The Viking missions revealed for the first time a blood-red vista on the mysterious planet, and even managed to scoop up handfuls of Martian dust for chemical and biological experiment. Images fade from the public mind, however, Pathfinder has reminded America and the world that Mars, one of Earth's nearest neighbours, still holds mysteries that excite not only astronomers but all who contemplate the vastness of existence. Far out in the remoteness of space we can now see a silent, desolate planet, whose history and whose fate may tell us

Keeping a watch Delicate diplomacy in Hong Kong on Albanian polls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Mr Andrew Stuart

From Mr Mark Almond

Sir, The Albanian Socialist Party may

have won the parliamentary elections, but your leader, "Transition in Ti-

rana" (July 3), may be unduly confident that the referendum on the res-

As an election observer I was struck

by the unexpected strength of support

for King Leka. On election day Social-

ist Party observers regularly com-mented that Leka had drawn larger

crowds ("too large" one commented in Kruje) than had been expected. Now I am suspicious of the slow final

tallying of the referendum votes,

which earlier took only 30 minutes to count in polling stations. Where I observed the vote, the King

lost the referendum, but only by ten

votes (230-240) in a strongly Socialist

poll. Yet it was striking how many vo-ters chose the Socialist candidate in

the first-past-the-post part of the parti-amentary election but opted for the

monarchist Legality Party in the PR

Leka's strong poll was unexpected but in talking to Albanians, both Democrat and Socialist, I found that

evidence why non-traditional monar-

chists might have voted "yes" was common: Socialists saw a vote for

Leka as a way of removing President

Berisha if his party won the par-liamentary elections; Democrats hoped that Leka's restoration would

act as a backstop against the complete

transfer of power to the ex-Commun-

is not the reason for Leka's defeat.

European Parliament

From Mr Brendan Donnelly, MEP

Sir, In his article of July 1, "We de-

mand a voice in Amsterdam", Mr Michael Howard argues that new

powers for the European Parliament "mean fewer powers for Westminster"

If by "Westminster" Mr Howard means the House of Commons, I respectfully beg to differ. The Euro-pean Parliament and national parlia-

ments operate in parallel with each

If new powers for the European

Parliament occur at the expense of

another body, that body is pre-eminently the Council of Ministers, at which national ministers meet to

adopt European legislation. The capacity of national parliaments to in-

fluence and monitor the Council is al-

ways limited, both practically and be-

cause national governments will rea-

sonably demand from the domestic

parliaments which support them

some room for manoeuvre and negoti-

The scope for national par-liamentary influence is doubly re-

duced in cases when the Council vote

by qualified majority, since it is then

impossible for an individual national

parliament to determine the outcome

In fact, the influence that an individual national parliament can

exercise on the Council is scarcely af-

fected by an increase, or reduction, in

Greater powers for the European

Parliament make the European Union a more democratic place. If

that extra power is at the expense of

national ministers and national civil

servants, who are currently subject to

only limited Parliamentary scrutiny,

Sir. Members of the European Parliament continue to claim that they are

the democratic element in the Euro-

pean Union. But how seriously do

be considered by the Council of Minis-

ters. They voted 298 to 76, with 86 recorded abstentions, for a resolution

which stated that "no enlargement ne-

gotiations should be concluded in

practice before the necessary institu-

tional reforms have been introduced".

democratic voices to sound out loud

the neutrality of the president or

speaker) that 165 MEPs either did not

bother to go to Strasbourg, or had

insufficient interest in the future of the

faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Union to bother to vote.

Yours sincerely.

GEORGE CLARK

39 Highfield Road.

Chisiehurst, Kent.

and clear.

Here was the opportunity for the

But the figures show (allowing for

the powers of the European Parlia-

ation in the Council.

in the Council.

Yours faithfully,

72 High Street,

BRENDAN DONNELLY.

Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr G. W. Clark

other, not in competition.

for Sussex South and Crawley

(European People's Party

(Conservative))

(letters, July 5).

Let us hope that referendum fraud

ists if they won.

Yours faithfully.

July 5.

MARK ALMOND,

Oriel College, Oxford.

toration of the monarchy was lost.

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("The ar-rogance of age", July 3; damns all those who attended the swearing in of the Provisional Legislative Council in Hong Kong, In principle I seree but he is unfair to the ex-governors and particularly to Lord Maclehose

Murray Maclehose took over as Governor in 1971, soon after the Cultural Revolution in China. Anyone who thinks that, in the chaotic period following Mao's death. Maclehose could nevertheless have introduced democracy in Hong Kong, has no sense of history or of military reality.

He succeeded a succession of particularly dim colonials and, as a former Principal Private Socretary in the Foreign Office, he was the first really to know how to pull the levers of power in Whitehall. He used that power ruthlessly to promote the interests of Hong Kong. He battled for Hong Kong against Europe, sometimes even again a Britain. In maners like textiles, air-traffic rights, financial control, in defence of Hong Kong laws and customs, he was sometimes overbearing but always diplomatic. Internally, his administration tackled the problems of rehousing myriad refu-gees from China, of corruption and of

As head of the Foreign Office Hong Kong department at the time. I sometimes had to absorb Murray's wrath, but I never ceased to admire his devotion to Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW STUART (Head of Hong Kong and Indian Ocean Department, FCO, 1972-75), Long Hall, North Street, Wareham, Dorset.

From Mrs Helen Sasson

Sir, William Rees-Mogg is severely critical of Sir Edward Heath, Lord Howe and Michael Heseltine for not joining the official government boycott and attending the swearing-in of the new, non-democratic provisional Hong Kong legislature.

Surely the presence of these "grandees" at this ceremony, for their own

varying reasons, best demonstrates what true democracy is really about, or would Lord Rees-Mogg wish all British politicians to speak with one voice?

Yours faithfully. HELEN SASSON. 11 Alexander Place, SW7.

From Sir Percy Cradock

July 3.

Sir. Simon Jenkins (article, "Sealed with a golden kiss", July 2) has got his facts on Hong Kong badly wrong.

The criticism of Chris Patten is not because he helped democracy in the colony, but because he harmed it. By making unilateral electoral changes in disregard of repeated and precise Chinese warnings, he ensured that Hong Kong passed under Chinese rule with less democracy and less protection than would have otherwise been the case. Before he arrived there was agreement with China on a through-train for an elected legislature. Instead, after five angry years. Hong Kong now has a China-appointed body.

The Jenkins article dodges this issue and leaves the unworthy impression that officials apposed democracy. In fact they did all they could to advance it in Hong Kong after the Joint Declaration.

Yours faithfully, PERCY CRADOCK Ambassador to Peking, 1978-84: Foreign policy advisor to the Prime Minister, 1984-92). Reform Club, Pall Mail, SWI.

From Mr Robert Young

Sir. Now that ceremony and celebration are over is it not time to analyse why the job itself, over 150 years of political administration, went so well? The story is that HK was one of the economic miracles of these times. So what is preventing it being like that here when we did it there?

Yours sincerely, ROBERT W. YOUNG, 14 Calabria Road, N5. alt-thnk@dircon.co.uk

Where does libel law go from here?

From Mr Tim Hardy

Sir, Mr Ian McBride, of Granada Television (The case for reform of the libel laws", Media and Marketing, June 25) argues from the fall of the Aitken libel action that the burden of proof in libel cases should be switched from the defendant to the plaintiff. This seems to me to be an oversimplification.

As was made clear by the Court of Appeal in the interlocutory skirmishing in the "McLibel" case in 1994, if a defendant has sufficient evidence to suggest that the allegations are jus-tified then the court requires the plaintiffs to disclose all documents they have relevant to proving or disproving those allegations. Just as bad cases make bad law. to

introduce change because of one case would be wrong. Mr McBride admits that the greatest brake on journalists' enthusiasm for publishing stories they are "groping" to put together is the existing law of libel. Long may it remain so. Journalists are under such pressure to create news that all too often they fail to undertake the appropriate checks, knowing that the target of their criticism is unlikely to sue because of the cost, risk and delay. To release the brake would encourage this and vastly increase the number of libel cases clogging our courts.

Rather than suggest our libel laws need reform, the Aitken trial showed just how rigorous our system is. It is no coincidence that the UK broadsheets are amongst the most highly respected around the world.

Yours faithfully. TIM HARDY (Head of Litigation). Cameron McKenna (solicitors). Sceptre Court, 40 Tower Hill, EC3.

Divided Ireland

From Dr Richard Barrett they carry out their duties "to ensure democratic control over the running Sir. Mr J. S. Anderson's assertion of the Union" (quote from their latest glossy pamphlet. The European Union and its Parliament)? (letter, July 5) that the Republic of Ireland constitutes a "Roman Catholic theocratic state" is a graphic example In the week before the Amsterdam of the kind of misinformation that Summit they had a big debate in fuels the fires of sectarian hatred Strasbourg about the programme to (other letters, July 3 and 4).

The Constitution of the Republic, at article 44, simply recognises the religi-ous affiliation of the majority of the population. Such a recognition does not amount

to the establishment of a Church required to justify the term "theocracy". Indeed, the only State in these isles which does establish a specific Church is Britain. Mr Anderson should move out of the glass house in which he is citizen if he wishes to throw around the charge of theocracy.

In addition, it is worth pointing out that the tribal conflict in Northern Ireland has long since moved on from the simplistic schema found in Mr Anderson's letter - the divide is not Catholic-Protestant but Nationalist-Unionist, as one will find Catholics on both sides of the House, as it were.

RICHARD BARRETT, Letters should carry a daytime Royal Overseas League, telephone number. They may be Overseas House, Park Place, SWI. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk July 5.

Yours faithfully

From Ms Helen Searls

Sir. I agree with Ian McBride that it is high time that the libel laws were reformed but I feel that Mr McBride's recommendations do not go far In the wake of the "McLibel" trial it

is clear that a qualified privilege def-ence should not only be extended to the reporting of public officials. Public corporations, too, should face the same restrictions. In fact, as someone whose small

magazine faces a crippling libel action from ITN - a corporation that has frequent access to three national TV channels - I believe that the only fair reform would be to extend qualified privilege to the reporting of all those in the public eye.

Public figures (individuals and corporations) have the capacity to mould and shape public opinion. The McDonald's Corporation, for in-stance, has the capacity to tell the whole world about how wonderful its food products are through advertising. Similarly, ITN has the capacity to answer its critics through its broad-

When public figures have such influence it is only right that they are open to more vigorous criticism than the rest of us. The "public right to know" that Mr McBride discusses should also apply to all those who are in a position of influence and respon-

Yours faithfully, HELEN SEARLS (Legal co-ordinator, LM Magazine), 91 Bathurst Gardens, Kensal Rise, NW10. helensearls@easynet.co.uk June 25.

Open door at No 10

From Baroness Miller of Hendon

Sir, You refer today to "a new open-door policy" for No 10 and to Mrs Blair "setting the trend today by opening the house and gardens to a group of schoolchildren".

When Mrs Blair announced her intentions early last month, I elicited confirmation in replies to written questions to the Lord Privy Seal and the Minister of State. DTI. that facilities for charitable and other nonpolitical good causes were provided by the previous occupiers of both No 10 and No 11 on numerous occasions.

They were also provided by Margaret Thatcher, Sir Edward Heath. Audrey Callaghan and Gillian Clarke, and they may very well have also have been provided by their predecessors as well.

The difference is that they did it quietly and unobtrusively and without trying to make personal or political capital out of it.

Perhaps a glance at I Corinthians xiii. 4 would be in order: " . . . charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up".

Yours faithfully, MILLER of HENDON. House of Lords.

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Coded message in Hebrew texts

From Mr Paul White

Sir, How interesting to find Bernard Levin confronted by a phenomenon which he cannot explain and which, if true, fundamentally challenges his world view f'And the Word was drivel", review of The Bible Code, by Michael Drosnin. Directory, June 21). The phenomenon in question is that of equidistant letter sequences (ELS) in the Hebrew Old Testament. Basically. the claim is that these ancient Hebrew texts contain precise coded details relating to people and events which would take place thousands of years

after they were written. Such a claim must surely be greeted with scepticism by any reasonable person. Yet Mr Levin seems unwilling to consider any evidence that backs up the claim. Instead, he is reduced to name-calling.

I have no interest in defending Drosnin's book, which lays itself open to the charge of sensationalism. Nevertheless, the phenomenon he describes deserves exposure to a wide audience. At the very least it is a challenging puzzle, and one which has received serious attention in publications such as the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society.
"Drivel" implies unbelief, which is

hardly surprising. After all, we are told (Luke vvi. 31) that "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though One rose from the dead?. Or, put another way, There's none so blind as he who will

Yours faithfully, PAUL WHITE, 43 Havelock Road, Wokingham, Berkshire. paul.white@virgin.nct

Foul weather hits birds

From Dr John Carnie

Sir, British Airways is not the only flying organisation with problems. The thousands of pigeons lost (report. July 2) from the Royal Racing Pigeon Association centenary race from Nan-tes, were probably sacrificial offerings to the media. Television crews covering the release could not wait as long as the pigeons would have.

I lost nine out of my II-strong team of "widowhood" cock pigeons. The race controllers appear to have ignored not only the weather forecast but also the technology, such as enroute satellite weather pictures, which is available to the ordinary funcier via the internet.

My own local Warwickshire Federation of Racing Pigeons cancelled their inland race for the weekend because of the weather. But having downloaded Sunday's current weather picture. I listened in disbelief as my organisation, the Midlands National Flying Club, who were controlling the race, liberated the pigeons.

Many of the pigeons reported lost will no doubt home, possibly to race again next year, but this centenary race will go down as a pigeon-fancy public-relations disaster.

Yours sincerely. JOHN CARNIE. Toligate Cottage, Nuneaton Road, Over Whitacre, Warwickshire. pigeon@easynet.co.uk

Fruits of experience?

From Mr Simon Eadon

Sir, Words and sayings pass in and out of fashion. It is proving difficult to find the origin of the currently popular phrase "going pear-shaped", meaning going horribly wrong. What is the opposite of pear-shaped?
Quite why a pear shape should be a

symbol of disaster is not obviously apparent. Someone offered me the somewhat sexist explanation that it is the shape that middle-aged women become. This is indeed unfortunate as a woman at work who prides herself on being politically correct uses this phrase more frequently than the men.

Yours sincerely, 26 Whitehall Gardens, W3. July 6.

Virtual pets

From Mrs Susan M. Barnard Sir, It is an undisputed fact of life that

the task of looking after a domestic pet falls ultimately to mother. This phenomenon now seems (in our household at least) to have progressed beyond all previously known limits. My ten-year-old son has recently

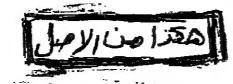
acquired a-Tamagotchi - a small. egg-shaped electronic device, made in Japan. It has a screen showing a creature that simulates the requirements of a pet (feeding, cleaning, attention, discipline, etc) at the press of a button. If tended properly, the creature flourishes. If neglected, it becomes ill or may even die.

Unfortunately, the span of a normal school day appears to be too long for this creature to be left unamended. As my son is not allowed to take his virtual pet to school, its daytime care has inevitably fallen to me.

Am I alone in this, or have other readers found themselves left holding the electronic baby? .

Yours faithfully. SUSAN M. BARNARD. 4 Egerton Drive, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire. July 5.







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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 5: The Duke of Yurk. Cokanel-in-Chief, today visited the 3rd (Volun-teer) Battalion. The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wake's) at Castlemartin Training Centre. Castlemartin, Dyfed. ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 5: The Prince of Wales was represented by the Lord Kingsdown KG (Her Majerty's Lord-Leutenam of Kent) at the Funeral of Lody d'Avigdor-Goldsmid which was held 'Avigdor-Goldsmid which was held in All Saints Church, Tudeley, Kent.

YORK HOUSE STJAMES'S PALACE

July 5: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquer Club, accompanied by The Duches of Kent, this afternoon attended the Wimbleston Championships, Lundon SW19.

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the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternion anended the Wimbledon Champinnships, London SW19. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

July & Princess Alexandra and the Rt July re Princess Alexandra and the Ri Hon Sir Angus Ogliby this afternoon attended the Finals of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Chib Championships at Wimbledon. London SW19.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the Cumber-land Lodge 60th anniversary service and reception. Windsor Great Park, at 3.55. Princess Margaret, as Visitor, The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation of St Catha-cinets will also attend rine's, will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Meadows Community Centre, King's Hedges, Cambridge, at 1230; will open the new premises of Ridgeons, Cromwell Road, Cambridge, at 3,00; and, as Chancellor, will visit Cam-bridge University and confer honorary degrees at the honorary degrees congregation at 4.00.

Prince Edward, chairman, Inter-national Council, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will receive award participants on an exchange between Sulfolk and South Africa, at Bucking-ham Polace, at 9.00,

nam Polace, at 9.00.

The Princesa Royal will amend the Riyal Agricultural Society of England British Horse Society symposium, "A Sport Horse for the Future", at Bubbage Lecture Theatre, New Muscums Site, Pembroke Street, Cambridge, at 12-45. The Duke of Kent, Honorary Fellow,

will open a symposium to mark the 150th anniversary of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Queen Eliza-both II Conference Centre, at 9.35. Princess Alexandra, as Chancellor. will preside at the conferment of degrees and honorary degrees cere-niony at Lancaster University, at 2.20.

Ironmongers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Ironmongers' Company for the ensuing year:
Masier, Mr A.H. Boddy: Senior Warden. Mr H.S. Johnson: Junior Warden. Sir Richard Evans.

Nature notes

Reed buntings are singing their jerky songs out in the tangled fields of oilseed rape they sit on the top of a tall plant, and their black cap and white collar can

be seen from far away. Grey and red-legged partridges, skylarks and linnets feed at the dusty edges of the rape fields. There is very little migration at this high point of the year.

but the first black-headed gulls are drifting back inland from their coastal colonies. and green and common sandpipers from the north are turning up at the edge of quiet ponds. The striking blue flowers of meadow cranesbill are

opening along grassy ditches: the sepals and stalks are covered with red hairs. Spear thistles are four or five feet high: they are silvery and very

spiky, with a single purple crown. Yellow bedstraw is out on roadsides: it smells of hay and honey, and was once used to fill mattresses. Black horsehound is com-

mon in waste places: it is like a nettle with pinkish-purple flowers and a rank smell when crushed. Meadow brown butterflies are flying restlessly around hayfields, and slim blue damselflies flicker along the banks

Birthdays today

Mr Shami Ahmed, managing director. Joe Bloggs, 35; Mr Michael Ancram, MP, 52; Sir Thomas Blundell, FRS, 55; Sir John G.N. Brown, publisher, 81: M Pierre Cardin, fashion designer, 75; Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, 68; Sir Michael Colman, former chairman, Reckitt and Colman, 69; Mr Tommy Cookson, Headmaster, Sevenoaks School, 55; Lord Denman, 81; Mr Charles Dyer, playwright and actor. 69; Lord Farnham, 66; Mr Richard Fries, Chief Charity Commissioner, 57; Sir John Hedley Greenborough, for-mer president, CBI, 75: Rear-Admiral J.S. Grove, 70; Mr Jeremy Guscott, rugby player, 32: Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Harris, racehorse breeder, 87; Major Richard Henderson, Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, 66; Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, 56; Professor Tom Husband, Vice-Chancellor, Salford University, 61; Mr Tony Jacklin, golfer, 53: Mr Barry Jackson, Serjeant-Surgeon to the Queen, 61; Miss Rhona Jones, former matron, St Bartholomew's Hospital, 76; Mr Robert Luff, impresario, 83; Mr Hamish MacInnes, mountaineer, 67: Sir Christopher Mallaby, dip-lomat, 6l; the Earl of Mansfield, 67; Mr Gian Carlo Menotti, composer, 86; Mr Alessandro Nannini, racing driver, 38: Mr Bill Oddie, actor and ornithologist, 56; Mr Philip Reeves, etcher, 66; the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH. FBA, historian, 94; Mr Ringo Starr. musician, 57; Sir Adam Thomson, former chairman, British Caledonian Group, 71; Sir Richard Turnbull, former colonial administrator, 88: Professor Sir David Tweedie, chairman. Accounting Standards Board,

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GIFTS

The Rev Ernest Nicholson, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, was guest of hoxour and speaker at the opening dinner of the international summer conference of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at the college. Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, presided, and Mr Alan Cox, deputy chairman,

Walker, 53.



Competitors taking part in the inaugural Academics v. Philistines Pizza Express chess challenge match in central London at the weekend. The Academics, all Oxbridge graduates and including Jon Speelman, won 6½ to 3½, despite a spirited performance by Steve Davis, the snooker player, for the Philistines

Water gardens on tap at Hampton Palace

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ton Court Palace Flower Show, where water is a recurring theme.

Trends reflected by the outdoor gardens include dividing them into "rooms", each with a different mood. The gardens from the Alzheimer's Disease Society and Mind, the mental health charity, are soothing and therapeutic. Pets can be therapeutic, no, and the net-friendly cardien by therapeutic. Pets can be therapeutic, too, and the pet-friendly garden by the Blue Cross and Perplan shows how to achieve an auractive garden with appeal for animals and owners. Water is a feature in the Daily Mail pavilion, the centrepiece of the show. A stream links the four gardens, which include a weir garden with pools, weirs, rills and bog areas. Using glass, copper and lighting in conjunction with water has resulted in dramatic effects in a contemporary garden entitled "Water Moods".

WE ARE all being urged to conserve water, yet garden water features probably have never been more popular. This trend is reflected at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, where water is a recurring theme.

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Flowers and plants from around the world are displayed in the floral marquees, where Marks & Spenser, of London, have created three typical but very different British gardens which are viewed from "indoors", a novel idea for a show.

The British Pose Benefield a charge

The British Rose Festival, a show within a show organised by the Royal National Rose Society and the British Rose Growers' Association, is the place to see favourite roses ancient and modern, new cultivars launched this year, and the rose of the year, "Sunset Boulevard", a salmon-pink

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The Army

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Forthcoming | Marriages

Captain the Hon A.P. Pery and Miss S.E. Warmaby
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's Learnington

Saturday at St Peter's, Learnington
Spa, Warwickshire, of Captain the
Hon Adrian Pery, son of the Earl
and Countess of Limerick, of
Chiddinglye, West Hoathly,
Susser, to Miss Suzanne
Wartnaby, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Peter Wartnaby, of Leek
Wootton, Eather Phelim C.
Rowland officiated.
The bride who was given in The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Caroline Wartnaby, the Hon Felix Pery, the Anniversaries. BURINS: Joseph Marie Jacquard Macheria: Joseph Marie Jacquard.
Silk wenver, Lynns: 1752: Sir Morell
Mackeria: physician, Leytonstone,
Essex, 1831; Gustav Mahler, composer, Kaliste, Austria, 1860; Marc
Chagall, painter, Vitebsk, Russia,
1887; Vitiorio De Sica, film director,
Soca, Italy; 1901. Hon Ivo Pery and Miss Henrietta Donnelly, Mr Jonathon Manley was best man. A guard of honour was found by non-commissioned

marriage

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Major Keith Swaffer, of Henley-

Mrs Helen Landau, of Malvern,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth

Reed; of Bodey, Oxford.

ones, Oxfordshire, and of

Mr C.K. Swaffer

and Miss J. Reed

Mr W.B. Ramsay and Miss N.A. de Chair The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Kelso, of Mr William Bertram Ramsay, son of Major-General and the Hou

officers of the Light Dragoons.

Sora, Italy; 1901.

DEATHS: King Edward I, (reigned 1272-1307). Burgh. Cambria, 1307: Giacomo da Vignola, architect. Rome. 1573; William Pulteney. Earl of Bath, statesman. London, 1764: Thomas Biacklock, poet. Edinburgh, 1791; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and statesman, London, 1816: George Olan, physicist. Munich, 1854; William Mulready, painter. London, 1863; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Crowborough, Susses, 1930; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, fronder of Penguin Books, Northwood, Middlesex, 1970; Dame Flora Robson, actress, Brighton, 1984; Jimmy Edwards, comedy actor, 1988.

Captain Manthew Perry, of the US. Mrs Charles Ramssy, of Bughtrig. Berwickshire, to Miss Natasha Alexandra de Chair, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Dudley de Chair of Tulloch, Inverness-shire, and of Mrs Edward Harding-Newman, of Arabella, Ross-stire. The Rev Christopher Martin

Mr LD. Downey and Miss C.H. Power Captain Matthew Perry, of the US Navy, persuaded the Japanese Government to trade with the West, 1853. The marriage took place at St. Andrews Parish Church, Chew Stoke, Bristol, on Saturday, July 5. 1997, between Mr. Ian Deverall The first Famborough Air Show was The Queen knighted Francis Chich-ester, the lone yachuman, using Sir Francis Drake's sword, 1967. Downey, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Patrick MacNamara, Miss Lorna Fraser and Miss Heather Fraser. Mr

Power, and Miss Clare Hilary Power, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Power. The Rev Keith Vivian, MA, officiated:

Stuart Denholm was best man: A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in

Mr R.W. Leigh and Mrs S.E. Hicks A service of blessing was held at St Thomas of Canterbury,

Tangley, on Saturday, after the marriage in Bath, on Friday, July 4, between Mr Richard Leigh and Mrs Sarah Hicks. Mr J.J. Lillingston-Paterson

and Miss M.J. Gibbons The marriage took place on Friday, July 4, 1997, at All Saints Church, Fulham, of Mr Jamie Lillingston-Paterson, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Paterson, of Matfield, Kent, to Miss Mary-Jane Gibbons, younger daughter of Mr Peter Gibbons and Mrs Jill Yadav. The Bistop of Bedford officiated.
The bride was attended her Hollie and Camilla Bell, Hector Agnew and Joshua Bruce. Mr Paddy Turner was best man. A reception was held at Fulham Palace and the honeymoon is

being spent abroad. Mr A. de Mondin

The marriage took place on June 28, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Burford, Oxfordshire, of Baptist, Burnord, Oxfordshire, of Mr Amaury de Monclin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Erick de Monclin, to Miss Martha Butt, daughter of Mr Keith Butt and Mrs Johanna Butt. The Rev Ron Lloyd officiated.

The bride, who was given in attended by her father, was attended by James Hooper, Gabrielle Hennequart, and Camilla, Matthew and Luke

A reception was held at Cats Abbey, Northleach, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Manor House School A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday, July 9, at 7pm. to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Manor House School, Little Bookham, Sucrey, Old girls are

University news

Recent research grants include: Professor P Joses. 1420,765 from the European Commission (Information and publicity helping the objective of reducing motorised mobility.— INPHORM)

Westminster

Dr J Lewis, 653,296 from the Euro-pean Commission (investigations into the role of bacterial dinologellane

Professor J Littler, £104.557 from the British Research Establishment (modelling moisture in homes). Dr. S. Winter, E716,429 from the European Commission — this figure includes £144,155 from the University

Latest wills

most welcome.

Lord Todd, OM, of Oakington, Cambridge, left estate valued at £1,760,269 net. He left (25,000 m the Arthur Bank Christine Joy Webster, of Oxfed. Surrey, left estate valued at 22,325,077 pet. She left shares' in the remainder estate to NSPCC, imperial Cancer R Fund and Parkinson's Disease Soci

Doreen Evelyn Kay, of Rams-bottom, Bury, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,213,036 net. -the left £1,000 to the Ramsbottom branch of Barnardon and to the RML. Malcolm George Bendon, of London W8, left estate valued at £2,536,713 net. He left £5,000 to the Priends of St Mark's

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SERRY - On june 24th, at the Hospital, to Jane (née Begnall) and Simon, a son,

CHELTUS - On june 28th 1997, to Caroline (née Young) and Roderick, a daughter, Polly Charlotte. LUMILEY - On June 10th 1997 in Santlago, to Wendala (née Troup) and Christopher, a son, Damian Francis Richard.

EACOMBE - On 30th June, to Sarah (née Wilson) and David, a son, Hugo, a brother for Madeleine and Samuel.

DEATHS

SROMPIELD - On 4th July, peacefully at home, Anne Bromfield, widow of Dr. Frank Bromfield, much loved Frank Brombleid, much loved mother and grandmother. Family fumeral followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Amberies Parish Causch at 2pm on Friday 11th July. No flowers please but donations

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CLAPP - Fsychotherapist,
peacefully at home on july
2nd 1997, jo. Loving wife of
john and mother to Zoe,
Thomas and Benjamin.
Funeral Service at 8; john at
Hampstead, Church Row, on
july 10th at 2 pm, followed
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HOMEY - On July 2nd at The Princess Grace Hospital, Joyce, beloved wife of Tim and mother of Rath and Tom and devoted giandmother, after a long battle with Cancer borne with immenage counge. Funeral at 52 Peter's Caurch, Mount Park Read, Ealing, on Thursday 10th July at 12 noon, Family Howers only Donations to Trustees of Gays and St Thomas Hospital Account Number CD001 for Cancer Research. All enquiries to WS. Bond Funeral Directors, 19 Road Street, Ealing WS. Schoff Funeral Directors, 19 Road Street, 19 Road St SAF, Tel: (0181) 567-0422.

HORDER - Thomas Mervyn, 2nd Baron of Ashford, pescefully in hospital on july 3rd. Much loved brother, uncle, great uncle and friend. Funenil service Friday 11th July 10.30am at 9t. Augustine's Church, Carlton Vale, Kilhurn. Private cremation atterwards. Family flowers only. Donations to The Musichus Benevolent Fund, c/o H.J. Bent t Co., 1c. Westminster Court, Aberden Floce, London NWE.

NAPER - Richard A. Beloved husband of Margaret (Meg), loving father of Suc and Timothy and fond grandfather of Poppy, jonathan and Timothy, Private funeral. Fo flowers but donations if wished to the Benai Unit of Dabbia Hickman, Soombo Ward, St Hickman, Secomba Ward, St Heller Hospital, Carshalton,

ORB - Captain Douglas Laurence on 1st July 1997 at The Royal Marsden Bospital, dearly loved Husband of Yvonne and devoted father to Nicholas and Charlotte, 5.A Senior Training Captain and and Charlotte, S.A. Senior Training Captain and founder of Aviatoms. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Private family camation service will be held at Guildford. Cromatorium. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will follow on 27th September 1997 at St.Thomas Farnhem Survey. No Cloral irrborse donations.

St. Thomas' Parnham Survey. No Boral tributes donations to The Miles Ward Royal Marsden Hospital, c/o Faneral Directors H.C.Patrick, Farnham.

HUST - Joan, pencerully at The Heart of Kent Hospice aged 73. Much loved mother of David and geamdmother of Amber, Kelly and Mark, sister of Pat, Milre and Elley and companion of Feter. Cremation 2pm Friday 11th July at Vinters Park Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Heart of Kent Hospice. Foneral Director Doves, Maidstons.

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SCHWARTZ - Of New Tork
City, Bobert S. died on Jone
28, 1997, at age 69 due to
complications following
heart surgery after a long
and valiant struggle.
Devoted husband of Mnry,
Father of David and
Matthew, Beloved family
man, grandfather of three
and friend to all. He leaves a
large hole in the lives of
everyone he knew. In hen of
flowers, donations in his
memory to the Zoot Sims
Scholarship Fund at The
New School, 66 W. 12th St.
New York, Nr., would be
appreciated. Services were
private and a memorial
service will be held at a later private will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the J.S. Waterman & Sons-Eastman-Waring Funeral Service Boston, Ma.

THORPE - Dorothea Margaret, peacefully on 4th July at Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, aged 90. Penneral for-family and friends, June on Friday 11th July at All Hallows, Tillington.

TYERMAN - Michael Steart 3rd July after a brave fig against a terrible illner Aged 33 years, a much lov son and brother. Fune yth jury at Harwood Fam. Cramatorium Warton Road, Stevenase. By request no flowers but donations. If desired, to Harpenden Memorial Hospital, clo LC. Weston Funetal Dir, no. 25, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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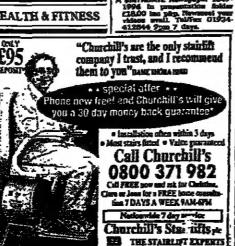
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Jack Hinton, VC, former German vanguard suddenly be sergeant in the New Zealand through the defensive perimete the nown, which was lightly below. Christchurch, South Island, on June 28 aged 87. He was born at Colac in New

Zealand's Southland province

on September 17, 1909.

n the great tradition of New Zealand infantry fighting which made that country's soldiers more feared and respected by the Germans than any other Allied troops during the desperate campaigns in Greece and Crete in 1941, Jack Hinton won his VC for leading a counter-attack which drove back an enemy who was attacking in overwhelming

strength.
The place was Kalamata at the head of the Messenian Gulf during the last-ditch moments of the battle. for Greece in April 1941. In marked contrast to the situation at Monemvasia, where General Frey-berg had had the satisfaction of seeing his New Zealand battalions evacuated by British warships with all their equipment and in good fighting fettle, Kalamata presented a scene of desolation for the thousands of troops crowded on the

Ten thousand soldiers and refugees thronged the shore: Australian and New Zealand infantry, British hussars and Yugoslav soldiers, being augmented by Cypriot and Palestinian pioneer companies, and by crowds of terrified Greek civilians. The area was under constant air attack from the Luftwaffe's Ju87 divebombers and strafing Messerschmitt fighters, while German armoured forces hastened down the roads and passes of the southern Peloponnese, anxious to bring their foe to

German vanguard suddenly burst through the defensive perimeter of the town, which was lightly held by the depleted 4th Hussars. Brushing this force aside, German lorried infantry, self-propelled guns and armoured cars raced for the quay-

side to cut off the avenues of retreat, viz the cruisers, destroyers and merchant ships which were assembling offshore.

At this point Sergeant Hinton, who was serving with the 20th Battalion The Canterbury Regi-ment, slubbornly refused to accept a defeat which now appeared to be inevitable. Shouting To helt with this, who'll come with me? he rushed forward to the foremost German gun and disabled it, and killed its crew with two well-aimed grenades. Then, at the head of his men with their beyonets fixed, he assailed the remaining German guns with such lerocity that their crews abandoned them and took refuge in some nearby houses.

Smashing down windows and doors, Hinton and his men pursued their enemy into the heart of his defences and finished the job off with old event. with cold steel.

This astonishing action had an immensely inspiriting effect on the other beleaguered troops in the vicinity who now began to pull themselves together and assail the advancing Germans with like vig-our. By 11.30pm the Germans had been virtually driven out of Kalamata, and the triumphant New Zealanders had taken 150 prisoners as well as destroying a substantial number of the enemy's lorries and

This small-scale, local victory seemed to promise salvation for the troops awaiting embarkation, and JACK HINTON, VC



Les braves des braves: two rugged but modest New Zealand warriors at a reunion service of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in May 1988. Left, Jack Hinton, VC, right, Charles Upham, VC and Bar

the naval commander to order all passes of the southern Peloponthe Aldis message "All well" was
the warships intended for the
tasked to the waiting ships. Alas, a
wireless report — later tragically
at 9pm on April 28 the strong proved to be false — that the Italian

the warships intended for the
warships intended for the
evacuation to rejoin the main body
of the British Fleet, and the brave
efforts of Hinton and his New

fleet was in the vicinity, prompted Zealanders were to count for desperate fighting that now ensued. dier Parrington, concluded that naught.

Regrouping, the Germans began to force their way back into Kalamata and Hinton was seriousefforts of Hinton and his New ly wounded in the even more the local army commander. Briga-

Using their superiority in numbers, surrender was the wisest course to artillery and armour, the Germans were able to inflict heavy casualties. Eventually, at 5.30am on April 29

save further, needless loss of life. Greviously wounded by a rifle bullet in the lower abdomen,

Hinton passed, like the rest of his

men into captivity. A month later. in a German prisoner of war camp, he heard that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

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John Daniel Hinton grew up in the extreme southern extremity of New Zealand's South Island, His father had served in the Boer War. but Jack revolted against conven-tional discipline and from his early teens had a number of semi-vagrant jobs before embarking in a whaler as a galley hand on a voyage to the Antarctic Ocean.

But he was in more semled, shorebound employment as a driver with a local government public works department in South Island when war broke out. He joined up and was sent to Egypt where he was soon involved in the North African campaign. From there he was sent to Greece with General Freyburg's New Zealand battalions. These then bore the brunt of the fighting in the hastily improvised campaigns which attempted to stop the subjugation of Greece and Crete by the Germans.

It is generally accepted tand by none more so than the Germans at the timel that the fighting qualities and tactical acumen of the New Zealand units had no peer among any of the troops on the Allied side. Their bravery is, perhaps, most signally exemplified by the late Captain Charles Upham (pictured above with Hinton), only the third man in history to win two VCs.

After the war Hinton received his Victoria Cross from King George VI at Buckingham Palace. Then he returned to New Zealand where he became a successful hotelier. A man of rugged nature and homely wisdom, he exemplified the finest qualities of the country he loved so

His first wife died in 1950, and he is survived by his second wife, Molly. There were no children.

Memoirs and Critiques (1977).

music even overtook his en-

thusiasm for books. His tiny flat in St John's Wood may

have been too cramped for any

vestige of comfortable furni-

ture but he still made room

within it for two good pianos.

He played relentlessly, sang in

choirs, composed and pub-

lished. His music publications

included Seven Shakespeare

Songs, The Easter Carol Book

and Six Beijeman Songs. He

would happily sing to his

visitors and many went away

with the sounds of his Miss

Horder was briefly married

their ears.

In later life his passion for

LAWRENCE PAYTON

Lawrence Payton. Motown singer, died of cancer in Southfield. Michigan on June 20 aged 59. He was born in

Detroit in 1938. THE FOUR TOPS - Lawrence Payton and his fellow singers, Renaldo Benson, Levi Stubbs and Abdul Fakir were all born and raised in Motown's home city, Detroit. But they were not typical of the acts from which Berry Gordy. Jr fashioned his Motown Records empire. Gordy's force clubs and eventually gaining a ll as, in Diana Ross's case,

Tying it. rayton and the Four Tops were half-a-dozen years older than Ross and her neighbourhood friends who became the Supremes. They had, in fact, begun life as the Four Aims, modelling themselves on the were big business in the lnk Spots and performing at Motown world. Ink Spots and performing at

supper party clubs as early as 1954.

Changing their name two years later to avoid confusion with another group, the Ames Brothers, the Four Tops performed for the next six years without much success. A debut single put out on the Chess Records label made no great splash, and successors by Columbia and Riverside were little more successful.

But they stock at it, working hard to inject more excitement into their act touring nightwas unearthing new talent, degree of recognition when uch as the Supremes, and they appeared on Billy Eckopelling it to stardom — as stine's roadshow. They now
ll as in Diana Ross's case, came to the attention of Gordy, who in 1964 signed them up for his Jazz Workshop label, a subsidiary of Motown Records. Their first single for the label, Baby I Need Your. Loving, was a hit, and from that moment the Four Tops

Top 20 hits now poured from the group. They had no lewer than 28 chart entries over the next eight years, and their first million-selling chart topper with I Can't Help Myself, in 1965. In the following year Reach Out, I'll Be There repeated this feat in the States and was also No I for three weeks in Britain, which was by then alive to the aliure of Motown thanks to the

Supremes, the zoot-suited Four Tops were to become Motown's hottest property, and an LP called Greatest elder statesmen of soul music, Hits became the first by a and in 1987 a television retroblack group to top the album chart in Britain. In 1972 the group left the Motown label. There were two principal causes of dissatisfac-

tion. First, Motown's talented

writing team - Lamont

Dozier and the brothers Eddie

and Brian Holland - had

previously quitted Motown. leaving the Four Tops to subsist on a diet of cover versions. Then, Gordy moved his operation to California, leaving them feeling some-what stranded in Detroit.

They joined Dunhill and continued to enjoy success throughout the Seventies with such Top 10 singles as Ain't No Woman and albums in-cluding Main Street People and Live and in Concert. In talents and personal glamour and Live and in Concert. In of Diana Ross and the 1980 they moved back to Mo-Supremes. But after the town, where they continued to release albums of both old and new recordings. By this time spective of their career was chosen as the first programe in the HBO series Motown on Showtime. This popularity continued unabated into the Nineties, and Payton's premature death brings to an end what must be pop's longest unbroken partnership.



The sound of Motown: the Four Tops live in concert, Lawrence Payton at right

Church news

The Rev Philip Ansell, Curate, Rainliam w Wernington (Chelms-ford): to be Curate, Rodbourne copal Church of the USA: to be NSM Curate, Esh and Hamsteels Chency Team Ministry with special responsibility for church dev-The Rev John Samways, Vicar, St. Matthews, Oxford: to be Team elopment in Burghley Park and Woodhall Park (Bristol). Rector, Keynsham Team Ministry The Rey Peter Bailey, Priest-in-Charge, Bishopston and St. An-

drew w St Bartholomew (Bristol): to be also Honorary Canon of The Rev Janet Blakeman, NSM. Wetheral w Warwick: to be NSM. Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite and Newlands, and Bishop's Ad-

viser for Ministry to the under 5s and their jamilies. The Rev Bill Bowder, Chaplain, University of Kent (Camerbury): to be Vicar, Donoughmore, Donard d Dunlavin (Dublin and

Bendalought. The Rev Sam Randall, Vicar, Bramley Team Ministry (Ripon): to be Diocesan Ecumenical Officer

The Rev Chuck Robertson, Priestin-Charge, St. John's Episcopal Team Ministry (Durham).
Church, Melbourne, Florida (Epis-The Rev. Carol. Williams, NSM.

(Bath & Wells). The Rev Michael Shearing, Vicar, Bishopwearmouth St Nicholas: 10 be Rector, Cockfield and Vicar, Lynesack (same diocese). The Rev Rob Shimwell, Vicar, Upton (Overchurch) (Chester): to be also discount Dean, Wirral North-

(same diocese). The Rev Alice Snowden. Assistant Curate, St Mary the Virgin, Mirfield (Wakafield): to be Team Vicar, Guiseley w Esholt

(bradioro). The Rev James Stewart, Team Vicar, Cove (Guildford): to be Team Rector, St James w St Philip; Tunbridge Wells (Rochester). The Rev Dr Ian Stockton, Local Ministry Officer (Lincoln): to be Team Rector, Monkwearmouth High Wycombe (Oxford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Penn (same

The Rev Derwyn Williams, Assistant Curate, Harpenden St Nicholas (St Albans): to be Chaplain to the Bishop of St Albans. Retirements & resignations

The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon (Durham), to resign on grounds of ill health. The Rev Pat Clark, Assistant Curate, Davenham (Chester) retired May 31.

The Rev John Gordon, Vicar. Sandbach Fleath (Chester) to retire July 31. Canon Basil Griffin, formerly Hon Assistant, Curate, Harbledown (Canterbury) has resigned.

Canon Robert Jenkins, Vicar, St Columba, Banners Gate, Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham) to retire June 30. Canon Brian Lee, Vicar, Egremont (Chester) to retire October 31.

The Rev Dennis Lennon, Bishop's

Adviser on Evangelism and Priest-in-Charge, Burghwallis w Skel-brooke (Sheffield) to retire October 31.

The Rev Jeffrey Pierce, Priest-in-Charge. Penn (Oxford) to retire October 31. The Rev Brian Rice, Social Respon-

sibility Officer (Durham) to retire The Rev Eric Royden, NSM Priestin-Charge, New Brighton All Saints (Chester) to resign July 14. The Rev Mandy Rylands, Assis-

tant Corate, Acton, Worleston, Church Minshull, and Wettenhall

to resign September 5. Sister Nanette Sanderson, Church Army evangelist, Sheffield Manor, to retire August 31. The Rey Tom Virtue, Vicar, Great

Sutton (Chester) to retire July 31. The Rev Leslie Welsh, Rector. Wolsingham and Thornley to re-tire November 5.

Other appointments Mrs Alison Harris, part-time Adviser for Ministry among Child-ren, Chester Archdencoury: to be fulltime adviser (same diocese).

LORD HORDER

Lord Horder, publisher, died on June 30 aged 86. He was born on December 10, 1910.

AN ECCENTRIC peer who

never took his seat in the House of Lords, Mervyn Horder was the son of the distinguished doctor, Thomas Jeeves Horder, who served as royal physician to three successive British sovereigns, King Edward VIII, King George VI and the present Queen. While this illustrious parental background may have had its influence upon Horder — who was always ready with clinical advice to friends complaining about their health - he never seems to have contemplated following his father (knighted in 1916, created a Baronet in 1923 and the 1st Baron Horder in 1933) into the medical profession.

Instead, from an early age, he took up publishing - in those days still regarded very much as an occupation for gentlemen — and by 1938. after short spells with both Methuen and Thomas Nelson, was already a director of Duckworth.

Thomas Mervyn Horder was his father's only son - he had two sisters — and he succeeded to the title both as the 2nd Baronet and as the 2nd Baron Horder in 1955. But, well before that, he had enjoyed a varied career. Educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, he spent the Second World War as an Intelligence officer in the RAF - first with Fighter Command, then in Colombo with South-East Asia Command and finally in Tokyo, where General Douglas Mac-Arthur was in charge of the Allied occupying forces. He attained the rank of wing commander and was men-

tioned in dispatches. Returning to publishing, in 1948 he acquired control of his old prewar firm, becoming its chairman and remaining so for the next 20 years. Among publishers Duckworth had always been regarded as a faintly disorganised house. Its founder, Gerald Duckworth (Virginia Woolf's half-broth-

Club store book of 1805 and 1806 and the other a

Lower Club score book, undated but very likely of

1804. The former contains the original score as it

was entered of the Eton v. Harrow match of 1805, generally regarded as the first of the series.

The match, in which Byron played, took place on August 2, 1805. The score as it is found in books.

on August 2, 1876. The score as it is found in books about cricket is taken from Haygarth's Scores and Biographics. It had been sent anonymously, written on a half-sheet of paper, to Frederick Lillywhite. Later it was sent on to the editor of Bell's Life, a well-known sporting journal.

The score of the mutch, exactly as it is to be found in the Upper Club score book of 1806, is given below with the Harrow innings first:—

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er), was ready to publish John Galsworthy's plays but de-clined to do the same for his novels, cheerfully sending the author of The Forsyte Saga off to Heinemann to make a fortune both for himself and for his lucky new publishers. At Duckworth's, it was also by no means unknown for mislaid mansuscripts to be discovered supporting the faulty leg

of some uncertain table.

But, for all that, Duckworth had usually managed to publish - and continued to do so under Horder's long chairmanship - titles of quality, worth and scholarship (Ronald Firbank was, perhaps, the best known of his authors). Once Colin Haycraft bought the firm in 1968, Horder was content to continue, albeit as a rather inactive boardroom director, principally visible at the luncheon parties in the Haycrafts' famous Gloucester Crescent basement, where he would conscientiously slice the

The truth was that, if his publishing house was idiosyncratic, so was he. Few motorists in the 1990s would easily have identified the octogenarian pedal-cyclist, whom (swearing gently) they had probably just swerved to avoid, as belonging to the pages of Debrett. Nor was there anything particularly aristocratic about his habit of spending long hours in the pubs of Camden Town venues deliberately chosen on the ground that the beer there was cheap. But he was not a mean man, giving generous presents throughout his life to his many great-nephews and nieces. There was one manifesta-

tion of his eccentricity that was more unfortunate. In the 1960s he was twice brought before the courts for sending obscene matter through Her Majesty's mails - offences of which he was convicted, with the judge on the second occasion making a number of disobliging comments which were widely reported. Horder himsel seemed supremely unperturbed but there was one complication in that he was a member of the Society of Bookmen. He duly offered his

resignation but - to that distinguished body's credit it was refused (with one committee member apparently murmuring: "There, but for the Grace of God, goes any of us"). Yet the real reason for rejecting the offer to resign was that everyone in the book trade liked him so much. A sort of quirky, walking encyclopaedia, he was a thoroughagreeable companion informed, amused and amus-

He wrote well and should have written more. He was an excellent reviewer, contribut-Little Genius (1966) and On editing Ronald Firbank:

ing from time to time to Joan Hunter Dunn echoing in journals as diverse as The Bookseller and Private Eye. He wrote two books - The after the war but the marriage was dissolved in 1957. There Their Own: Snipwrecks and Survivais (1988) - as well as

were no children, and both the barony and the baronetcy are now extinct.

AN ETON V. HARROW ON THIS DAY DISCOVERY A bookseller recently came across two old Eton score books in a pile of books set aside for salvage. They were purchased by the Eton school stores and presented to the school. One is the Upper Child purp book of 1995 and 1995.

July 7, 1952 **建型新型**

Novelty, not accuracy, is the keynote of this document. Harrow fielded two peers of the realm. For Eura (Straiford) Canning became a diplomat of high distinction. Heaton, who opened the innings, weems to have clean bowled five in the match and stumped two.

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It must be admitted that the Eton addition was affected by the excitement of the occasion: a more exact calculation gives Slingsby only 28 runs, Eton only 121, and victory by an innings and one

In a letter written two days later. Byron said, "We have played the Eton and were most confoundedly best: however it was some comfort to me that I got II notches the 1st mnings and 7 the and, which was more than any of our side except Brockman and Ipswich could contrive to hit." F.S. Ashley-Cooper, in his Eton v. Harrow at the wicker, suggested, in view of the rather doubtly origin of the score as usually printed, that Byron's buck prives that he was exaggerating. On the other hand, Byron never claimed the wicket of Kaye, bowled, credited to him in the score on the "half-sheet of paper," and the soure book shows that actually the Eton batsman was caught and ingui actuatry the Euro bustriain was caught and not bowled by Byron. Carming, who played for Eron, was Strutford Canning, later Lord Stratford de Redeliffe, the famous ambassador at

Blair launches his education policy

■ Tony Blair today launches his Government's flagship education White Paper with a call for all schools to make a determined break from the monolithic comprehensives that symbolised Labour's past.

Writing in The Times, the Prime Minister says he wants each school to build a distinctive character and calls on teachers to shun mixed-ability classes in favour of groups allowing pupils to develop "as fast as they can"..... Pages 1, 20

BA strike to ground thousands of flights

Air travellers face chaos this week after British Airways cabin crew said their 72-hour strike was inevitable after the collapse of talks. BA will be forced to ground thousands of flights from 6am on Wednesday as each side blamed the other for the latest break down in negotiations......Page 1

Parade violence

Republican violence erupted across Northern Ireland after the RUC forced the most contentious Orange parade of the marching season down a Catholic road in Purtadown Pages L 2

Sampras wins

Pete Sampras won his fourth Wimbledon title in five years to prove himself one of the supreme men's tennis champions of the modern era Pages I, 25. 27

Marriage speculation

As the Prince of Wales prepares to host a Highgrove party next week to celebrate the 50th birthday of Camilla Parker Bowles, there is increasing speculation over their relationship

Opera for more

The Royal Opera House plans to transmit opera and ballet productions on glant screens in parks and stately homes to try to increase public access and dispel an elitist image..... Page 5

Internet nursery

The era of "big brother" surveillance systems is helping mothers to keep an eye, via the Internet, on their children while they are at nursery school......Page 6

Fertility pioneer sued A fertility treatment expert is being sued by Nottingham University, where he worked, after being accused of carrying out unauthorised private work Page 7

Limited future

A world of driverless taxis and better-fitting clothes is not far away, according to a list of scientists' predictions. However, death and hangovers will take a little longer to solve

Public defenders

The Government is considering an American-style public defender system with salaried lawyers appointed to defend in criminal cases

Martian success

The first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars was preparing to analyse rocks and soil and send back its own pictures of the Martian surface.....

'Torture' film

The German Defence Minister promised to find and punish soldiers who acted out rape, torture and murder scenes in a private video that has shocked the country, evoking memories of warrime atrocities Page 12

Cambodia coup

The forces of Hun Sen, one of Cumbodia's two Prime Ministers, were in control of Phnom Penh, the capital, after an apparent coup ousted Prince Norodom Runariddh Page 13

Funding hearings

Televised Senate hearings begin tomorrow to try to unearth the truth about America's campaign fundraising scandal Page 14

Parents' charity 'mismanaged cash'

Britain's largest parents' organisation has been condemned by the Charity Commission for running up excessive hotel bills after a breakdown in financial control. The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations had been brought into disrepute and was guilty of five counts of mismanagement, the commission said ...



The Tour de France peloton passes a horse carriage in Normandy yesterday on the first stage, which began in Rouen. Page 34

BUSINESS

On attack: GEC is poised to buy Alenia Difensa, the Italian defence manufacturer, in a deal that will ensure that GEC becomes the biggest defence company outside

Retraining: The Government is considering a radical reform of industrial training after a review of the business-led Training and Enrerprise CouncilsPage 47

Magpies split: Mark Corbidge, chief executive of Newcastle United, is on the verge of resigning after disagreements with fellow

Jobs takeoff: Germany is expected this week to approve the £45 billion Eurofighter military aircraft programme, which will create 10,000 iobs in Britain.. ..Page 45 Melvyn Bragg: "Enough of us want Party animal: As Norman Mailer's

to see such battles in the boxing ring. We, too, see heroism and courage and perhaps we need to Page 18 Changing times: Our national mu-

ARTS

seums and galleries have probably changed more in the past 15 years than in the previous 150. So. too. have the directors Page 18 Ageless diva: Diana Ross is the

most successful female artist in the history of popular music, but she still continues to trek around the world's concert halls...... Page 19 Sounds of genius: If a new sponsor

cannot be found the Music Performance Research Centre, a unique archive of historic concert and opera performances, is in

General: most of England and

Wales dry and warm, best sunshine in south, light breeze. NW England and N Wales will stay cloudy, perhaps drizzle over the Lake District and northern

Permines. Eastern Scotland mostly dry and warm with bright spells, but the western half will be grey and drizzly. Northern Ireland will start overcast and

damp but will be sunnier in afternoon. Tonight: drazle in western Scotland

and Northern Ireland, rest of Britain dry, with mist patches in country areas

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SW & NW England, S & N Wales: cloud in places at first, dry and warm with a good deal of sunstrine. Coastal mist patches Light northwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

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novel. The Gospel According to the Son, scandalises America, his secand wife Adele's book exposes the violence and depravity of their tenyear marriage ____ Pages 16, 17

Light work: Night workers often have trouble sleeping in the day, and may find it hard to stay awake - and avoid mistakes - on their shift. Anjana Ahuja on a theory that light can be used to fool the human body clock Page 15

Nutritious roots: Seeds make better food than roots, storing proteins and oils rather than only starch. Now a mutant form of a weed has raised hopes of producing more nutritious root plants...... Page 15

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IN THE TIMES

extraordinary final round of 62 nine under par - to retain the Murphy's Irish Open title at Druids Glen

Page 26 Cycling Chris Boardman surrended the Tour de France leader's yellow jersey to Italian Mario

Tennis: Steffi Graf's absence great-

ly helped Martina Hingis to be-

come Wimbledon's youngest

women's singles champion this

Rugby union: The British Lions

missed out on the chance to inflict a

series whitewash on South Africa

but returned home with a place in

history assured _____Pages 34, 35

Golf: Colin Montgomerie had an

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voted overwhelmingly for a dramatic change in the domestic game's structure in a poll conducted by its governing body... Page 33 Rowing: Steve Redgrave won his

Cricket: First-class cricketers have

sixteenth Henley medal on the final day of the regatta when he was part. of the coxiess four that won the Stewards Fours Page 39

jackpot. The money will roll over to Wednesday's draw. Twelve holosholders won £228,091 for matching five balls: 704 won £2,429 for five; 45.918 won £81 for four; 944,312 won Elo.

Previous The hijacking of Hampstead, Omnibus (BBCI, 10.45): Review. Manhesv Bond has eyes mostly for Mars Page 47

OPINION

Menace in Madrid

Instead of ending the division of Europe at Madrid, Nato will merely shift the dividing lines ... [and must live with the consequences of this strategic muddle ____ Page 21

The only option

Unionists may, in their insecurity. occasionally appear inflexible. Republicans, however, are absolutely Page 21 intransigent.....

Earth invades Mars

Pathfinder has reminded the world that Mars still holds mysteries that excite not only astronomers but all who contemplate the vast-

POLITIME

TONY BLAIR

In my first week as Leader of the Opposition, I said education was central to my ambitions for Britain. Since May 2, the Government has placed education first Page 20

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Is BSE an infectious disease? Professor Alan Ebringer, an authority on autoimmune diseases, has a theory of its causation. If he is right there has been a multi-billionpound blunder PETER RIDDELL

British politicians are remarkably casual about the constitution. But most are unwilling to look at the

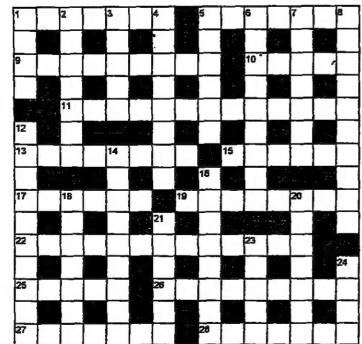
Jack Hinton, VC, hero of wartime campaign in Greece; Lord Horder, publisher: Lawrence Payton, Motown singer.....

Kong: European Parliament, hidden messages in Hebrew texts: libel and journalism _____Page 21

Fourth of July is merely a "mystical coincidence. But it is no such thing ... They had every right to celebrate their national day with pride.

- Corrière Della Sera (Milan)

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ACROSS

1 Composer of operas, including The Ring - his work is transporting (7).

5 Engine cover is alarming new driver coming in (7).

9 One initially minded to intercede. with instant effect (9). 10 Birdsong gives us a buzz, as the

Irish put it (5). 11 Singular performance of Brief

Encounter (3-5,5). 13 Characters in event are agitated

and exhausted (8). 15 Dreadful person best avoided by soldiers (3,3).

17 One can safely give a child a satisfactory report (b).

19 Male emendile swallows retired attorney, FOR example? (8). 22 Object of ridicule. but in favourable position with shares

25 From Kent he takes a letter overseas (5). 26 Girl emsses ravine to get plant (4).

> The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,524 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

27 Crazy about girl providing 28 Devious lady originally hailed as temptress (7).

1 With that fellow it's just a passing

fancy (4). 2 Pigment found in spongy ground in quarries (7).

3 For example, debt-collector raised elbow (5). 4 Way to divide one's foreign currency, primarily for the prag-

matic (8). 5 Daycare provider whose charges are small (6). 6 Resist having accommodation for

speciators (9). 7 Ape - one's located it in China

8 Good old Aussie, one with potentially lucrative prospects (4-6). 12 Italian citizen breaking into a plane (10).

14 Confer Open University award in very secure environment (9). 16 In this case, the pulse is regular

18 Pulitic, beginning to prohibit offensive books (7) 20 If contains a pool his nibs may take a dip in (7).

21 Motivation for newspaper article about motorway being up (6). 23 Gold that's left in an Oxford college (5).

24 Story of young girl speaking with

a lisp (4).

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Alcopop or popcorn?

to Covent Garden with a final mixed bill

The dancers of the

Dr Gary Slapper looks at the law and the controversial new drink

day with occasional drizzle and hill foo

Most places will become dry Light west wind. Max 19C (66F).

Royal Ballet say farewell

Albania's referendum: Hong

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First counter July 12

☐ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: a cloudy but mostly dry start, becoming fine and warm with sunny spells this afternoon. Ught west wind. Max 22C (72F). ☐ Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orluney, Shetland: fair morning but cloudy later in the day with a tew snote of rain. Mortegate west wind. May spots of rain. Moderate west wind. Max Circle Highlands, Argyfl, NW Scotland: mainly overcast and demp, with drizzle and hill fog. Moderate southwest wind. Max 16C (61F). Controls hat and mainly sunny, occasional cloud and light rain in western Scotland and Northern ID Pollen forecast: high in S Wales, Midlands, East Anglia, SW & SE England, Central S England; moderate in NW & NE England, N Wales, London: low in Scotland, Northern Ireland (forecast supplied by Pollen-Research Unit).

Sleet and sunny showers

